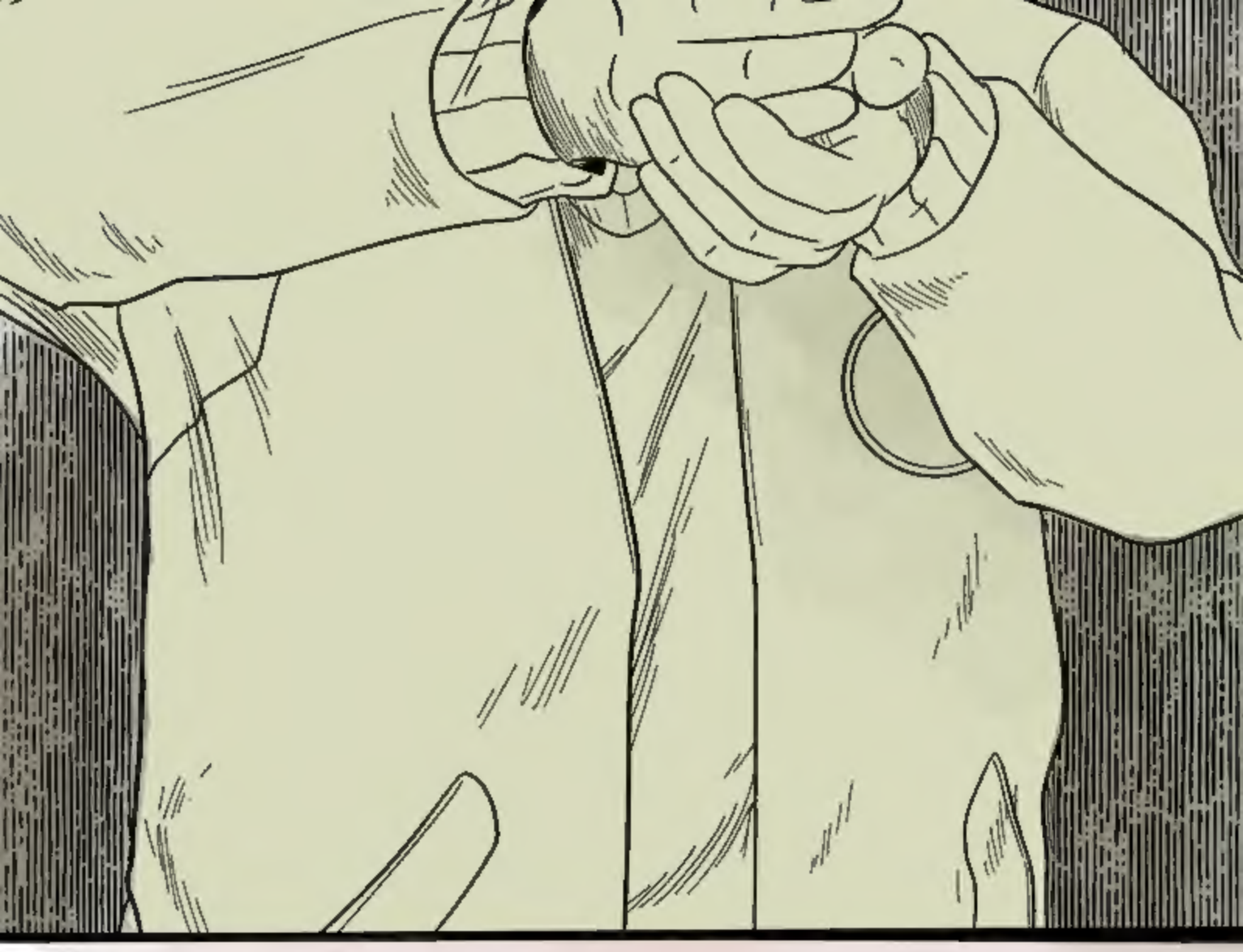
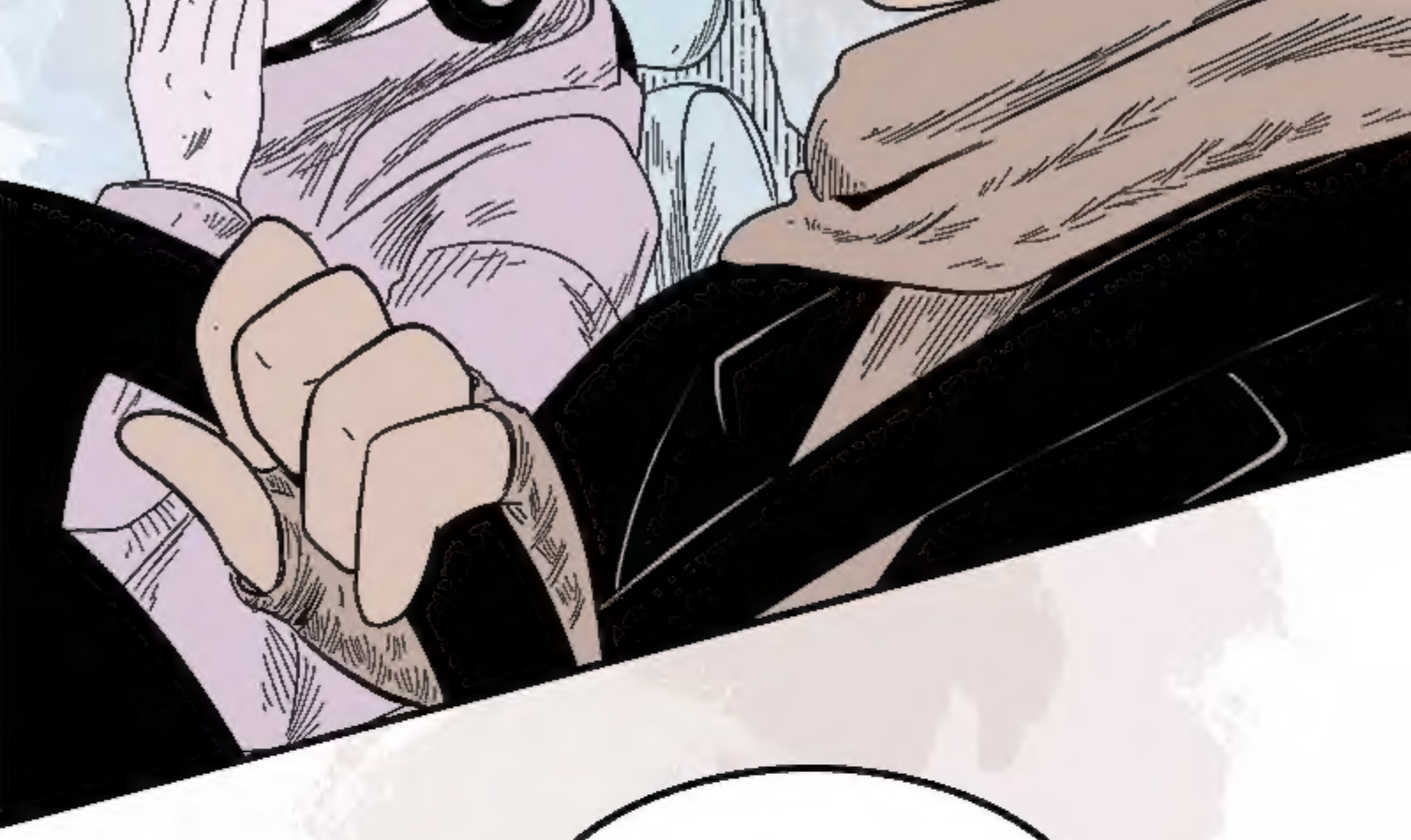
TURN OFF THE ENGINE AND STEP OUT OF THE CAR.

I'M NOT FOOLIN' AROUND, NOW...

YOU BETTER HAVE A DAMN GOOD REASON FOR BEIN' HERE.



COME ON!
OUT!



I SAID NOW!

OK, WE'RE HERE.

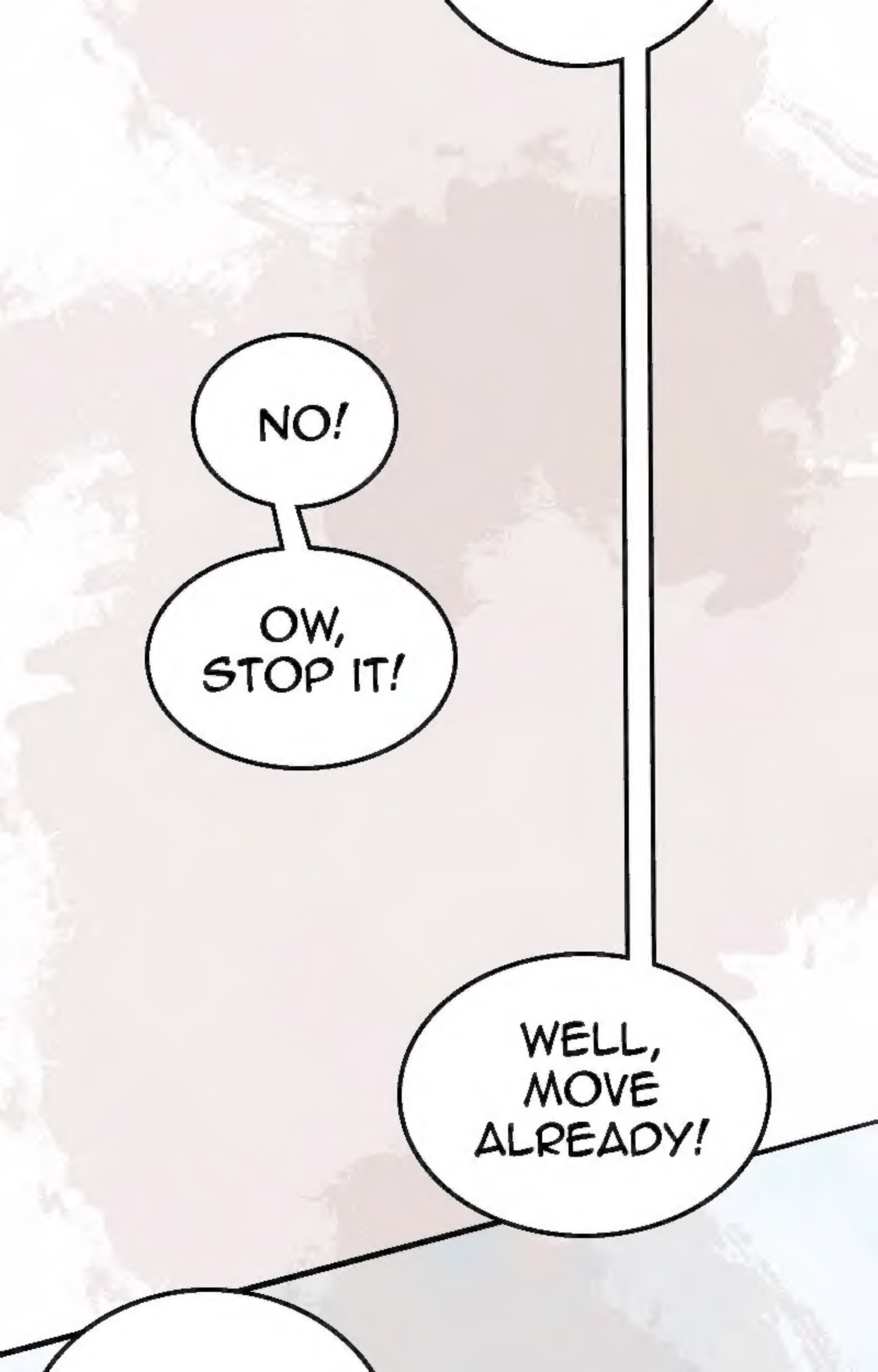
EVERYBODY OUT.

WH-

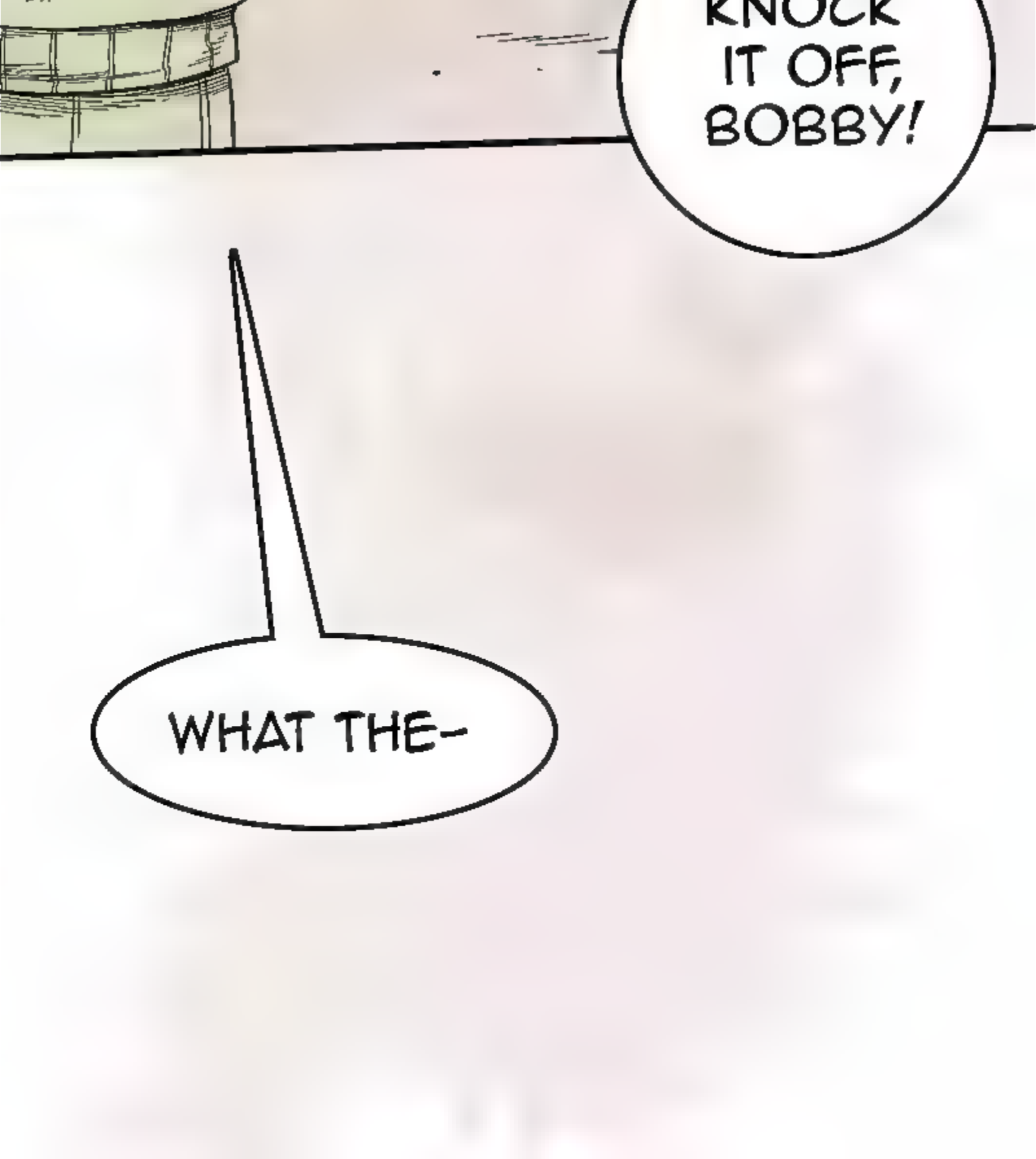
WHAT?!

JEREMY. SIT DOWN! WHAT'S-

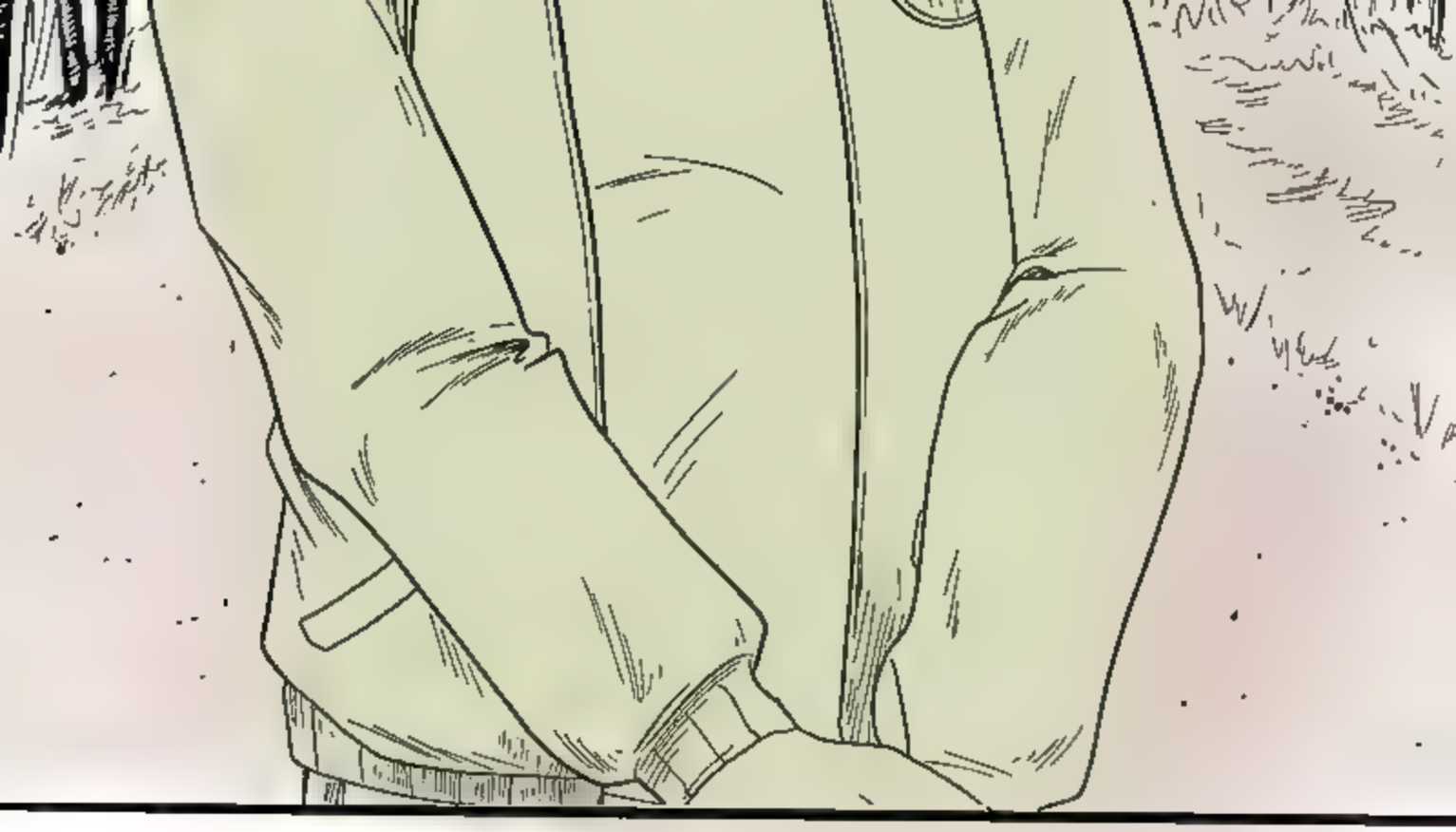
OOF-
DUDE, MOVE YOUR SEAT, I'M GETTING OUT.


NO!
OW, STOP IT!
WELL, MOVE ALREADY!

I AIN'T GOT ALL DAY HERE-
BOBBY, I KNOW THAT'S NOT A REAL GUN!
J, GET BACK IN THE CAR!


KNOCK IT OFF, BOBBY!
WHAT THE-

WHAT THE HELL... OWENS?
THOUGHT YOU WENT MISSIN' OR SOMETHIN'?



OH YEAH, WELL, I JUST WENT OFF THE GRID FOR A BIT.

YOU KNOW,

TRAINING.
CHECK MY BUG-OUT BAG, LEARN SOME NEW SKILLS...

YOU KNOW, ECONOMY COULD CRASH ANY DAY NOW, GOTTA BE PREPARED...

YEAH...
I FIGURED IT WAS SOMETHIN' LIKE THAT.

WAIT, HE *FIGURED* ON TH-

SSHHH!

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Logging...

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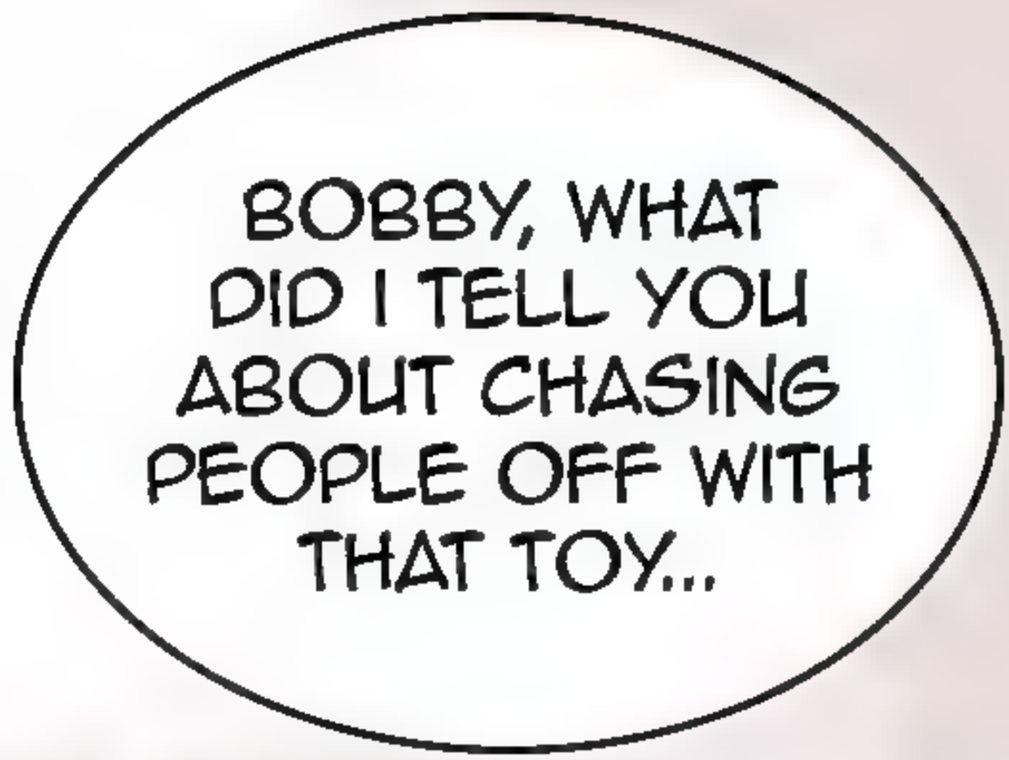
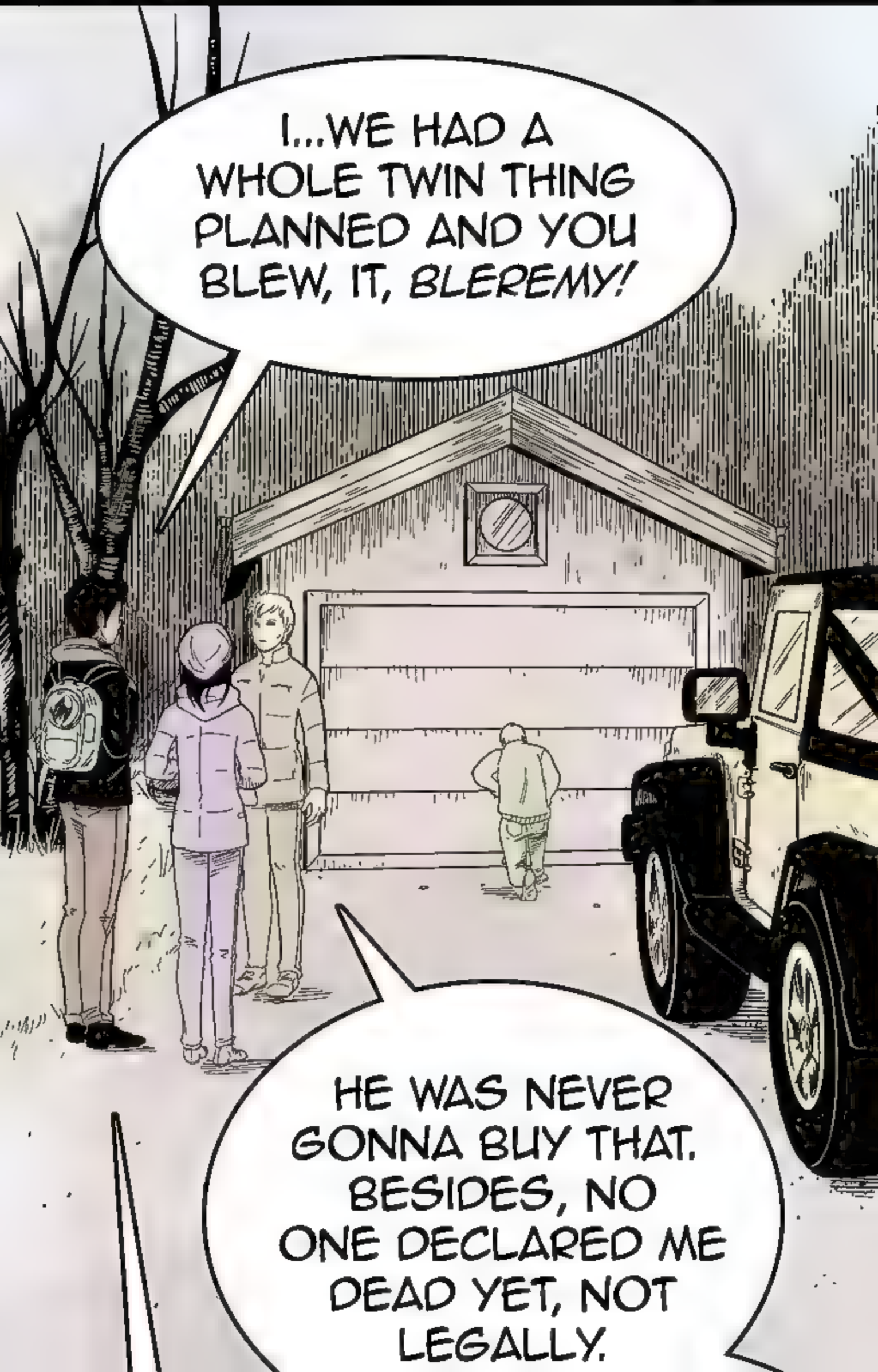


NOT GONNA USE MY REAL GUN... LAST ONES I CAUGHT WERE A BUNCHA KIDS.
DON'T WANT AN ACCIDENT, JUST WANT 'EM OFF MY DAMN PROPERTY.
HIKERS, HUNTERS, TEENS DRIVIN' AROUND...

I'M SICK OF CHASING PEOPLE OFF MY LAND.
MOST OF 'EM SCARE OFF WHEN THEY SEE ME COMING, ANYHOW.

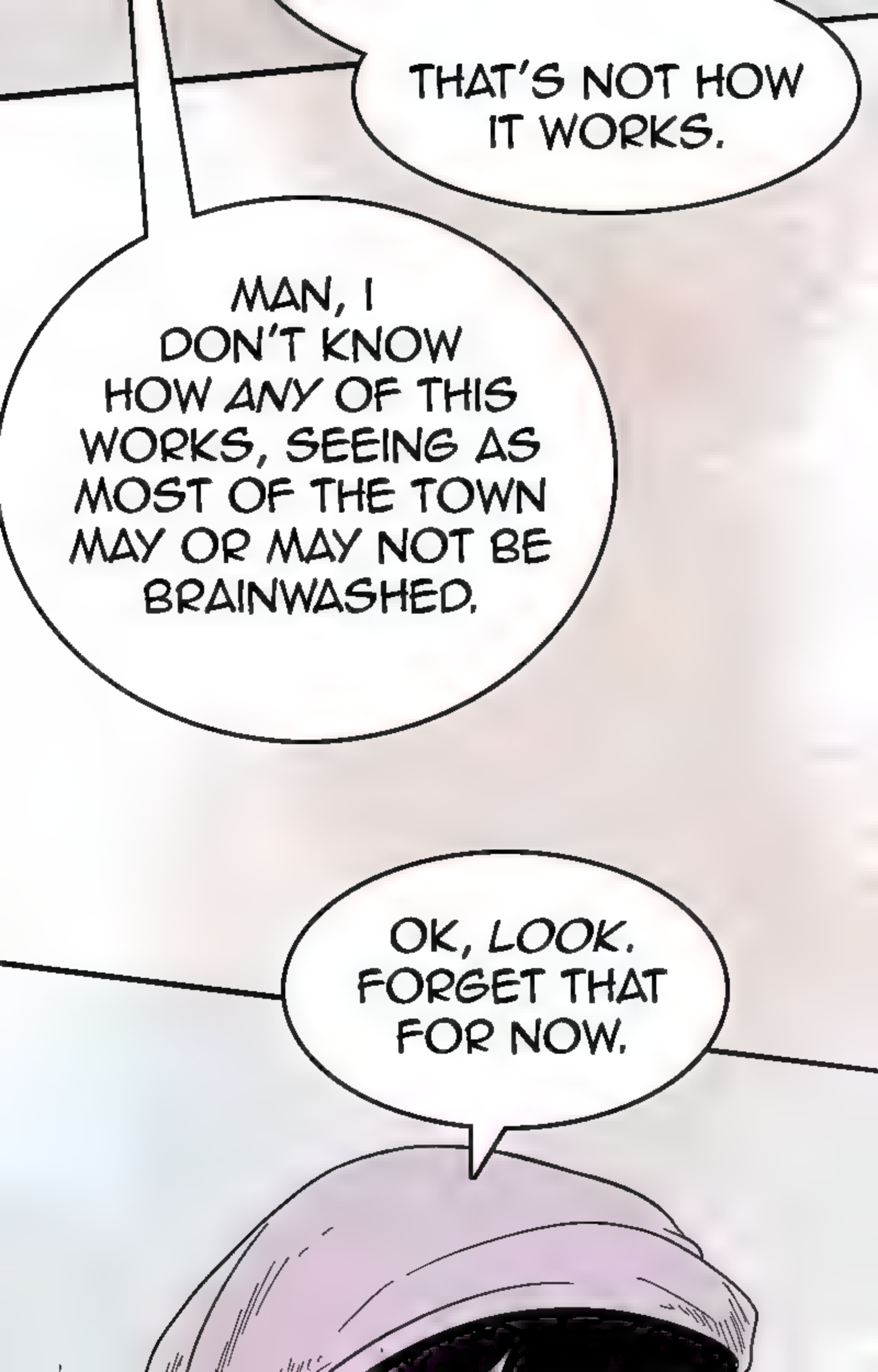
ANYONE WHO'S REAL TROUBLE, WELL...I ALWAYS GOT MY PISTOL ON ME, OUTTA SIGHT.


I...WE HAD A WHOLE TWIN THING PLANNED AND YOU BLEW, IT, *BLEREMY!*
HE WAS NEVER GONNA BUY THAT. BESIDES, NO ONE DECLARED ME DEAD YET, NOT LEGALLY.

THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS.

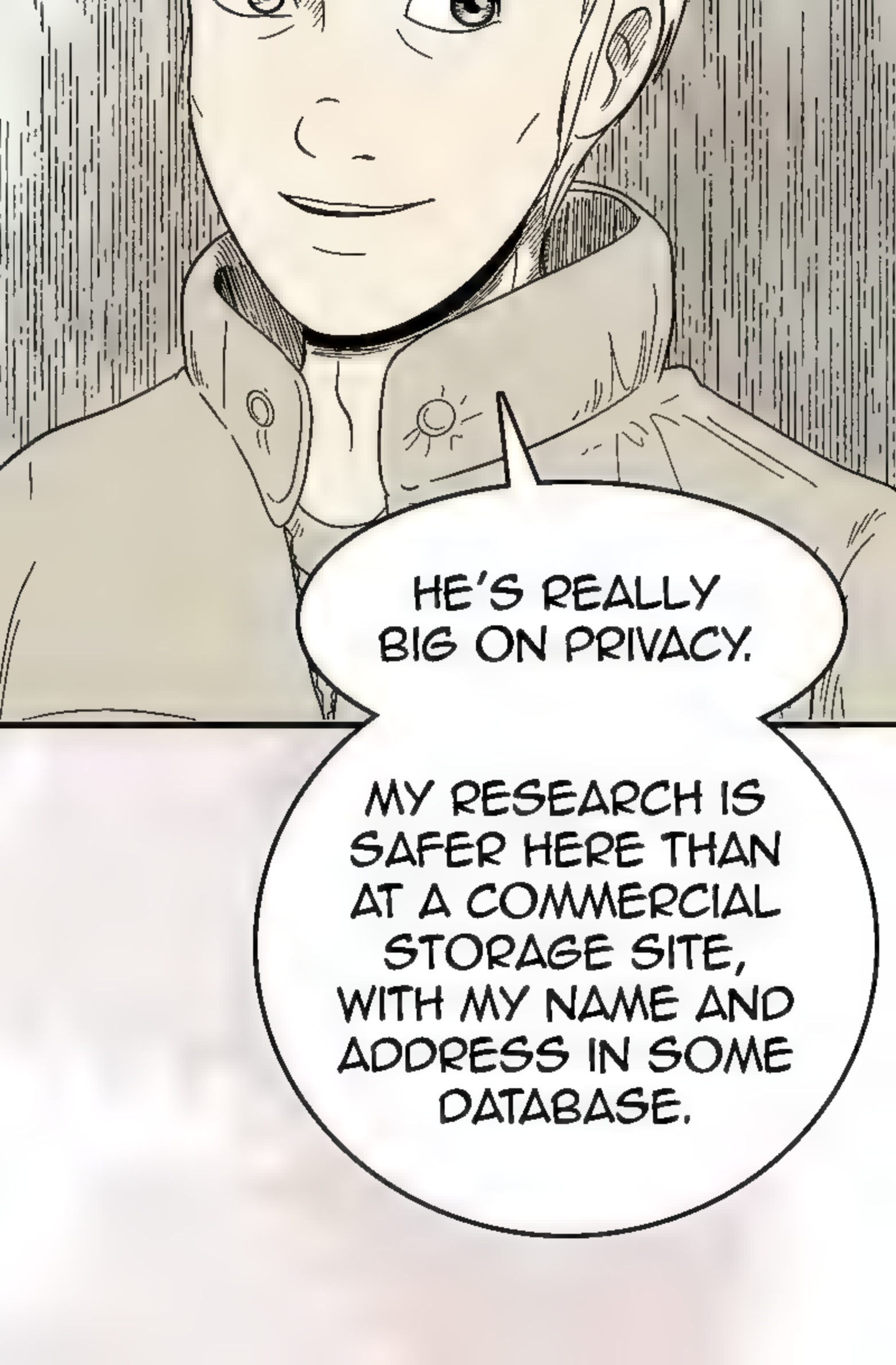
MAN, I DON'T KNOW HOW *ANY* OF THIS WORKS, SEEING AS MOST OF THE TOWN MAY OR MAY NOT BE BRAINWASHED.

OK, *LOOK*. FORGET THAT FOR NOW.

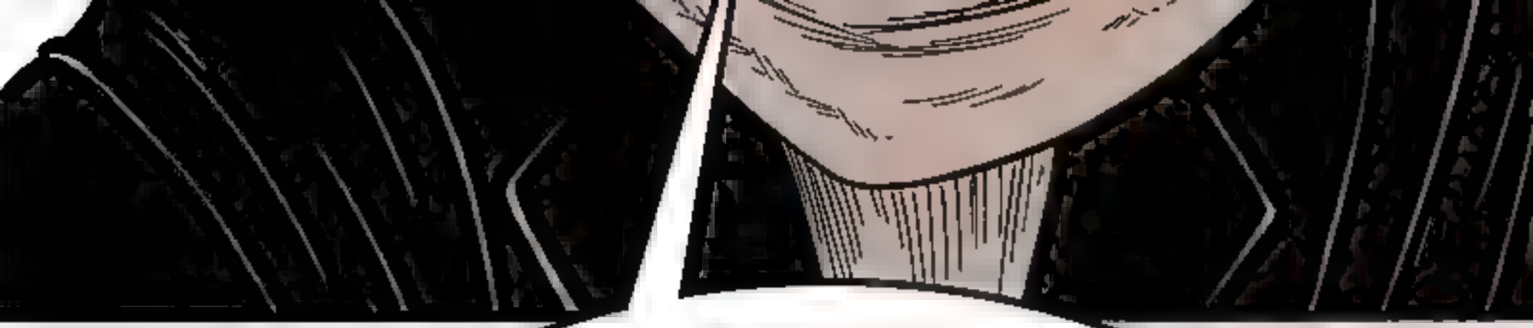


JEREMY, YOU TRUST *THIS* GUY TO KNOW YOU'RE ALIVE AND WELL?
WELL, YEAH? I RENT BOBBY'S OLD GARAGE.

PAY HIM ONCE A YEAR FOR IT.
HE'S *NUTS!* WHY HIM?
CUZ IF ANY OFFICIALS CAME LOOKING FOR MY STUFF, BOBBY'D TELL THEM TO COME BACK WITH A WARRANT.


HE'S REALLY BIG ON PRIVACY.
MY RESEARCH IS SAFER HERE THAN AT A COMMERCIAL STORAGE SITE, WITH MY NAME AND ADDRESS IN SOME DATABASE.

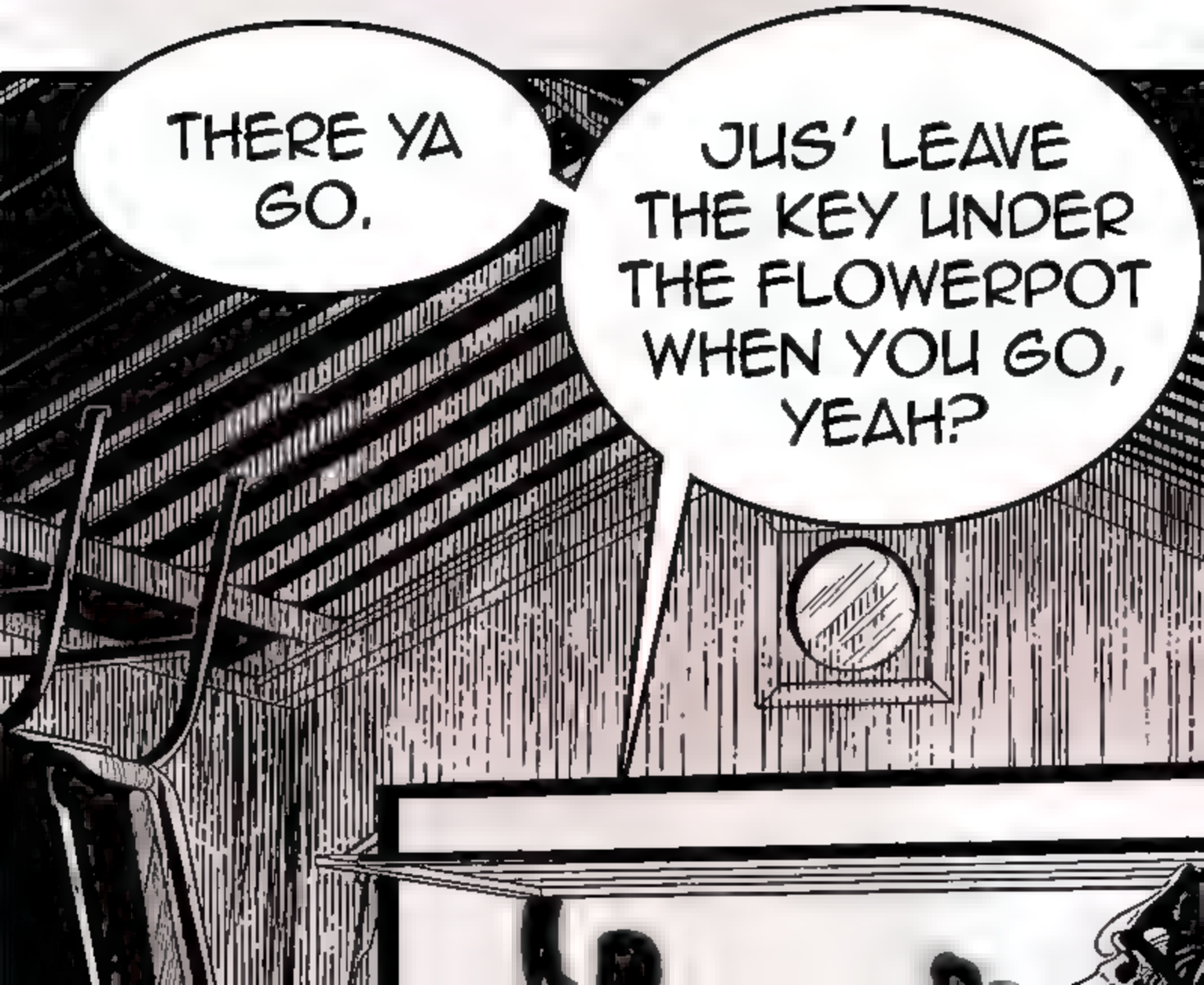
FINE. BUT NO MORE SURPRISES.



IF HE WAVES ANOTHER PLAY GUN AT ANY OF US, I'M GONNA TAKE A TOY BAT TO HIS PRETEND-KNEECAPS.

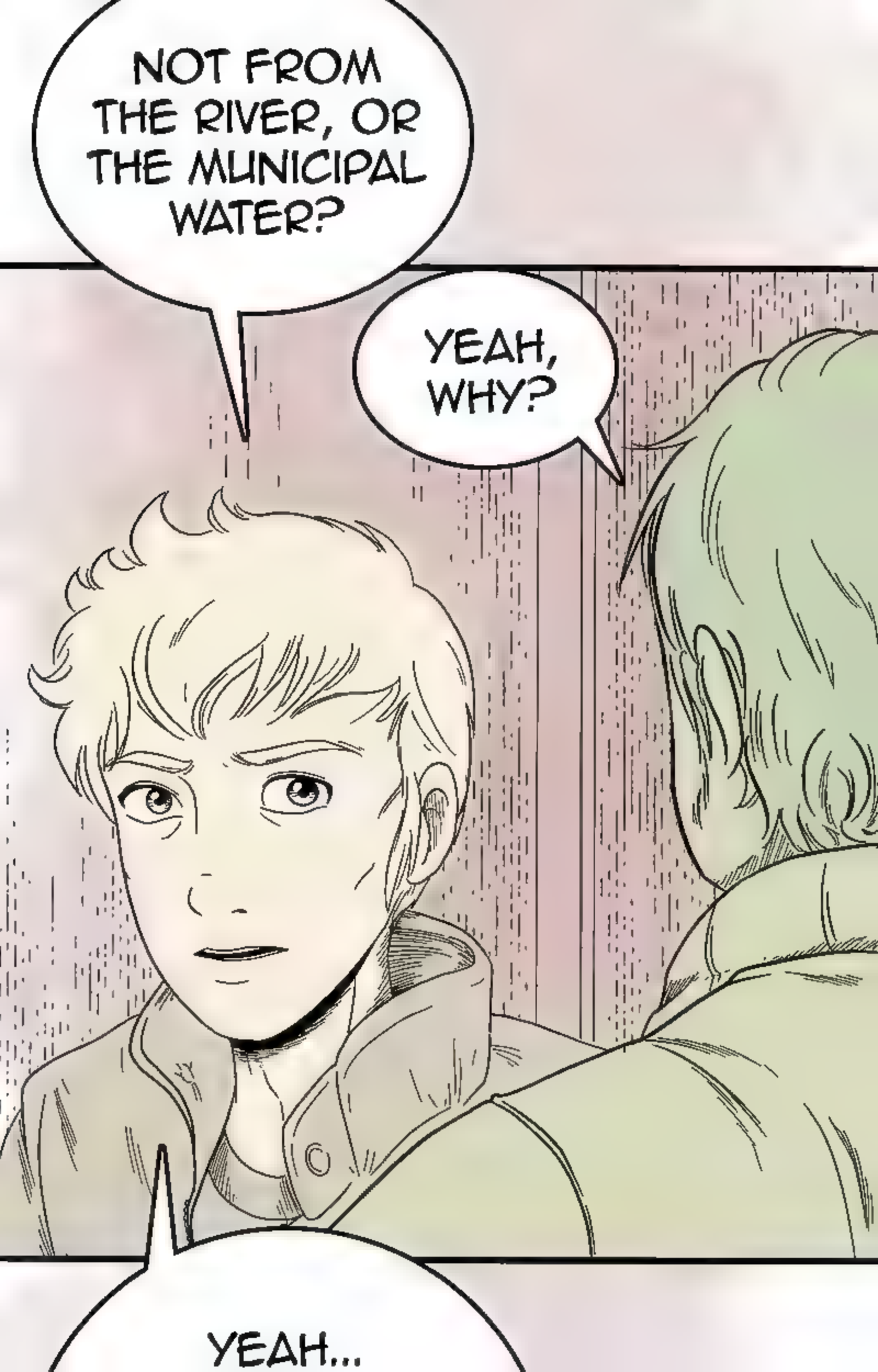
KKKKB

DRRR...


THERE YA GO.
JUS' LEAVE THE KEY UNDER THE FLOWERPOT WHEN YOU GO, YEAH?

OH, UH, ONE MORE THING...

YOU HAVE A WELL ON THE PROPERTY FOR YOUR WATER, RIGHT?


NOT FROM THE RIVER, OR THE MUNICIPAL WATER?
YEAH, WHY?
YEAH...

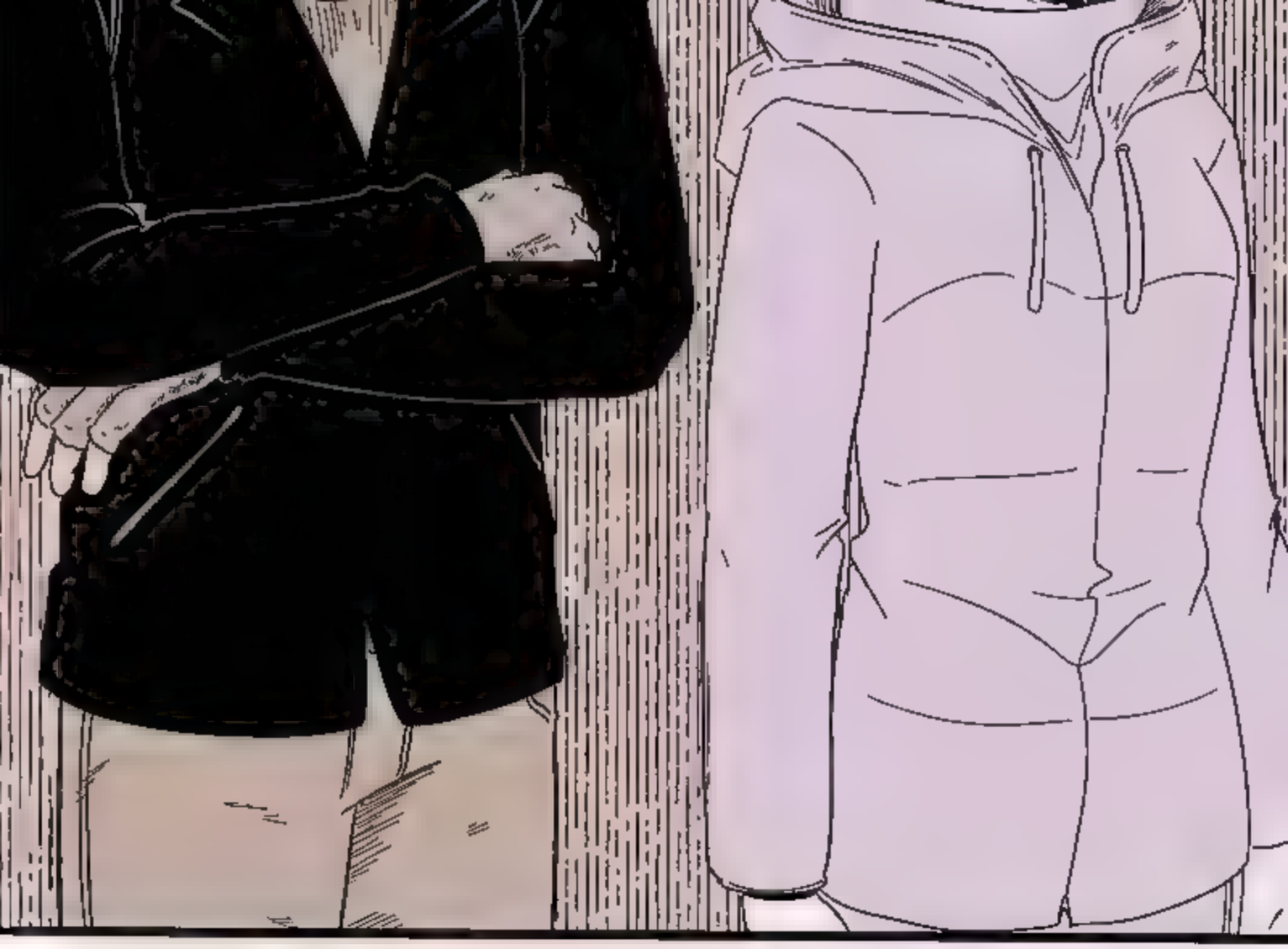
STICK TO THAT OR BOTTLED. I HEARD ABOUT SOME CHEMICAL RUNOFF IN THE RIVER.

GOT HUSHED UP, YOU KNOW, BUT IT SOUNDS REAL BAD. SO JUST AVOID THE WATER FOUNTAINS AND ALL THAT, OKAY?

EH, I NEVER DRINK THAT STUFF ANYHOW.
THE GOVERNMENT PUTS MIND-CONTROL CHEMICALS IN THE

WATER T' MAKE YOU VOTE LIBERAL.

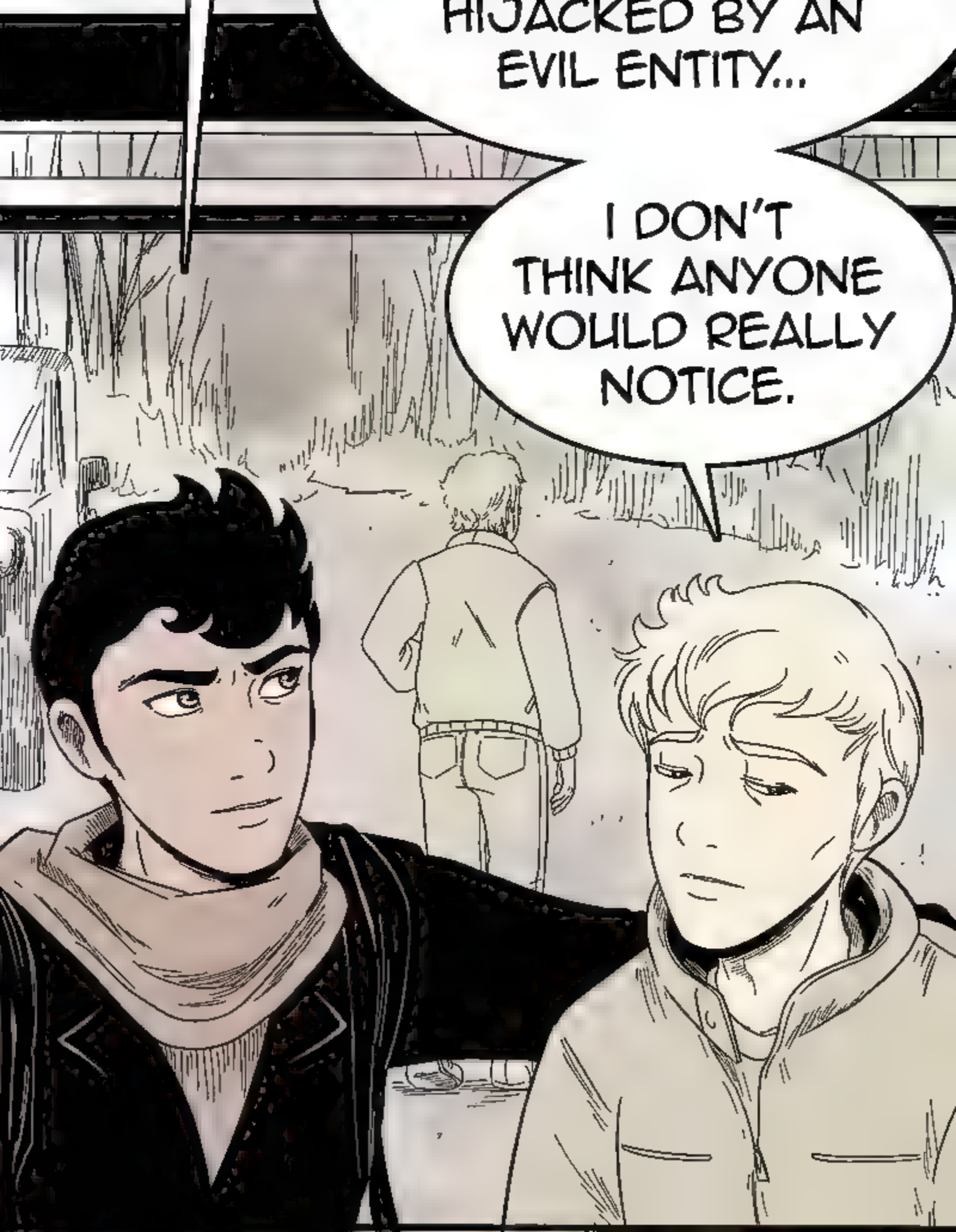
WELL, AWESOME.
GOOD TO KNOW.



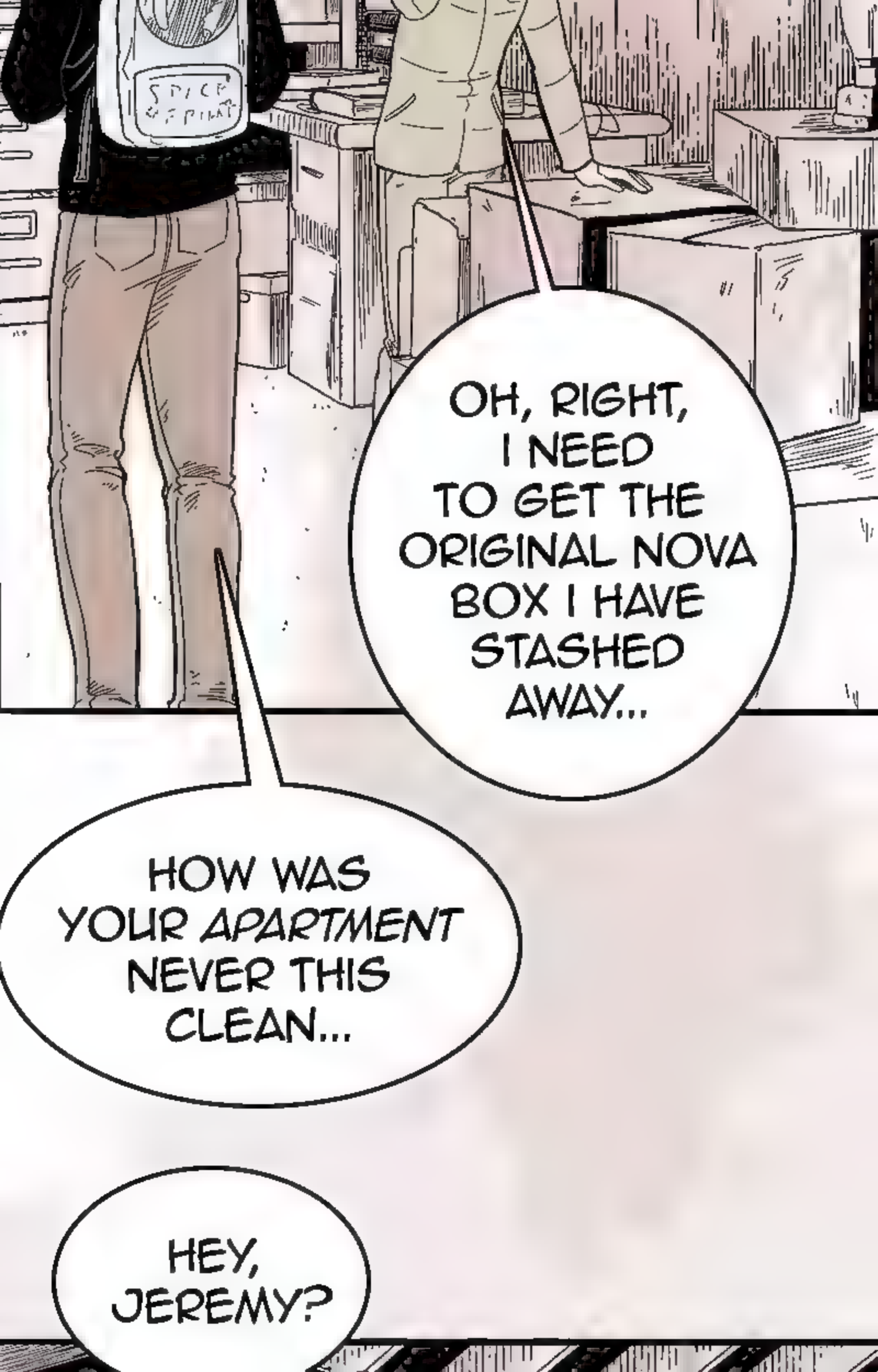
J, YOU WORRIED HE MIGHT GET MESSED WITH?

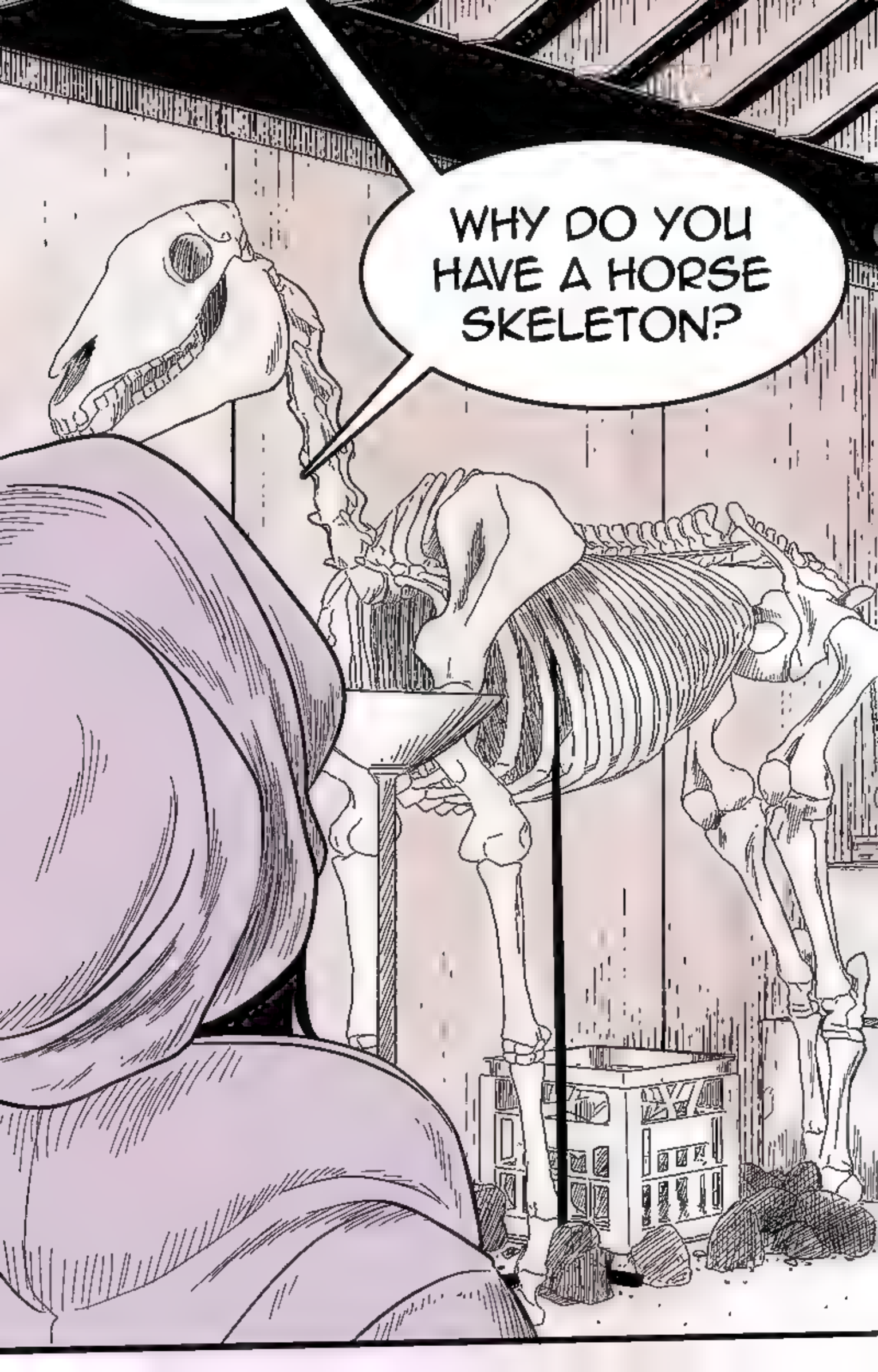
EH...

I LIKE BOBBY AND ALL, BUT IF HE HAD HIS BRAIN


HIJACKED BY AN EVIL ENTITY...
I DON'T THINK ANYONE WOULD REALLY NOTICE.

OK, SO...
UM...
I GUESS... GRAB THESE BIG BOXES AND LOOK THROUGH THEM...
THEN...


OH, RIGHT, I NEED TO GET THE ORIGINAL NOVA BOX I HAVE STASHED AWAY...
HOW WAS YOUR APARTMENT NEVER THIS CLEAN...
HEY, JEREMY?


WHY DO YOU HAVE A HORSE SKELETON?

IT'S PLASTIC.
NOTED. WHY DO YOU HAVE A *PLASTIC* HORSE SKELETON?
IT...WAS TWENTY DOLLARS?

AH.
GOOD DEAL.

OH LOOK...
MY OTHER FAVORITE HOODIE.
AM I EVER GONNA GET

TO KEEP MY CLOTHES?

NO.

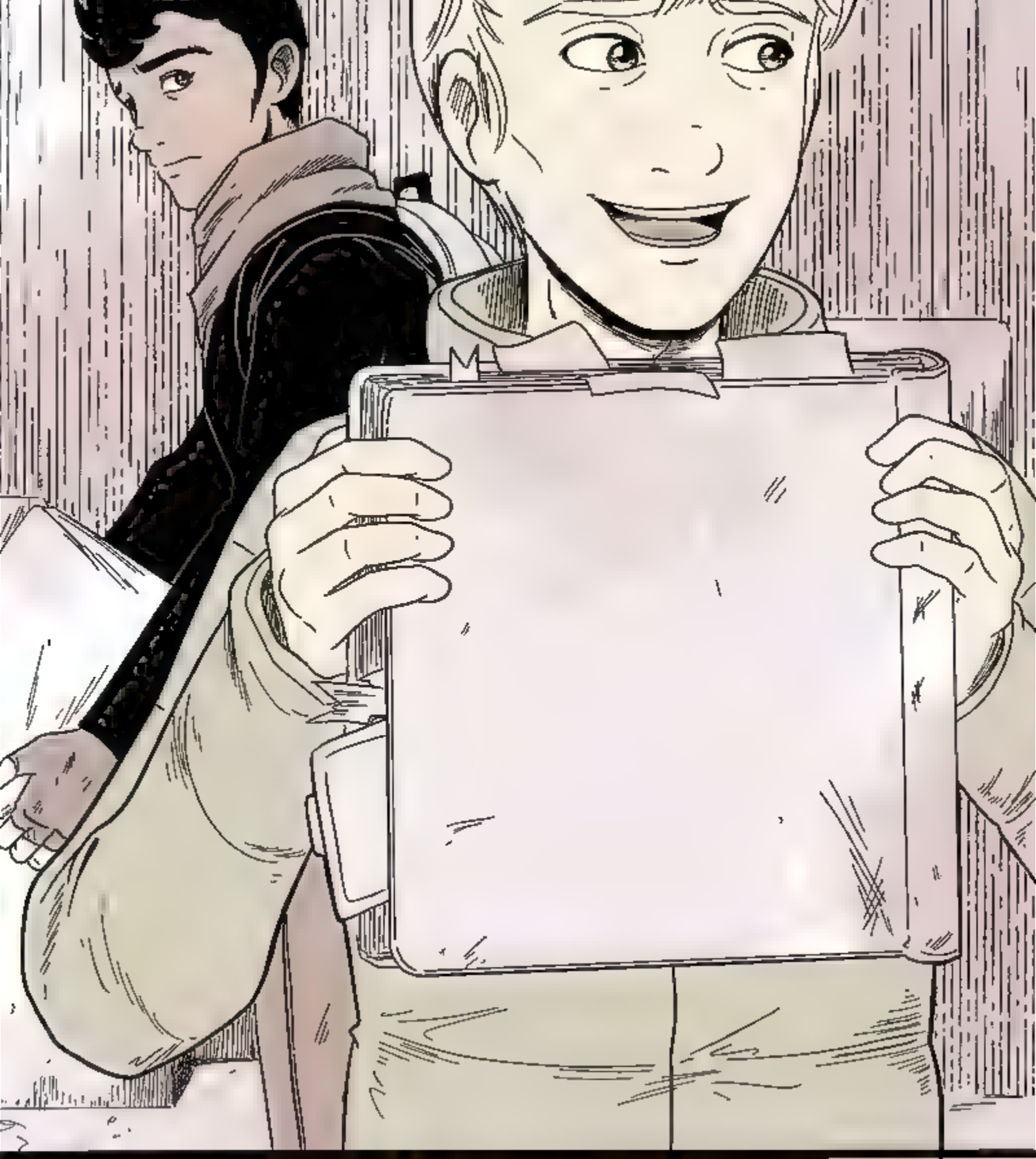
DOUBT IT.

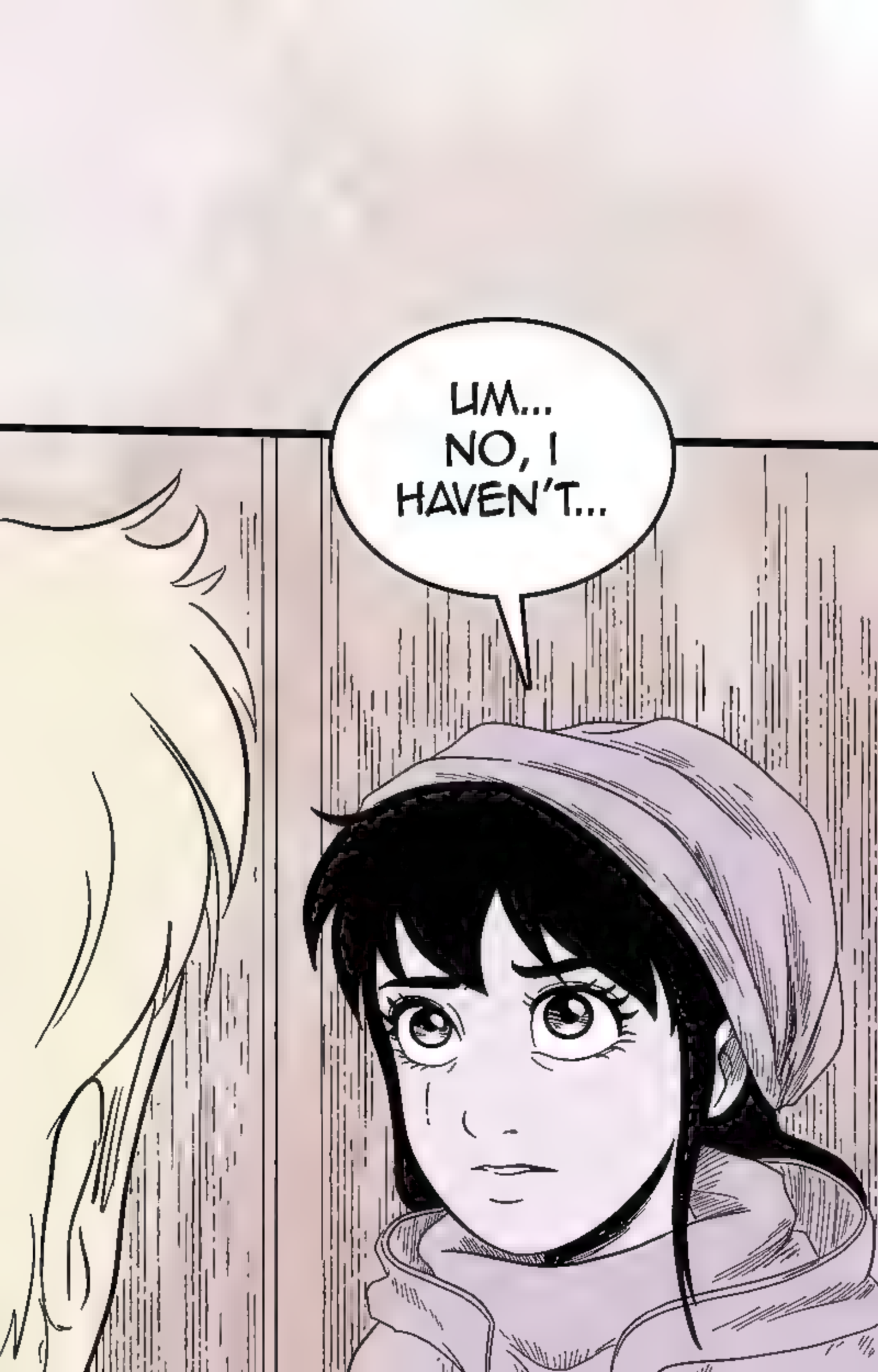
JEREMY, WHAT'S WITH ALL THE ROCKS OVER HERE?

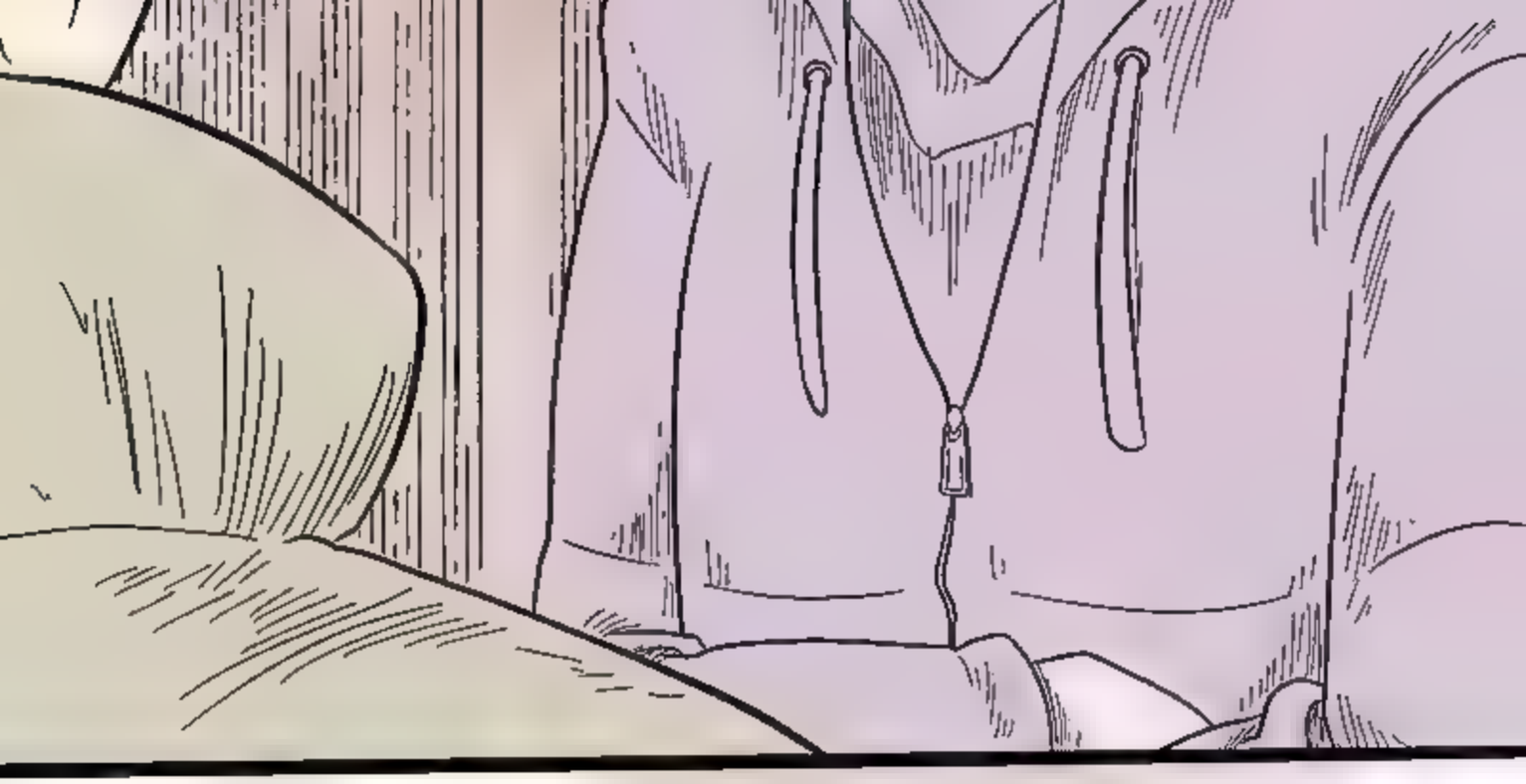
THERE'S A BIG BOX OF THEM...

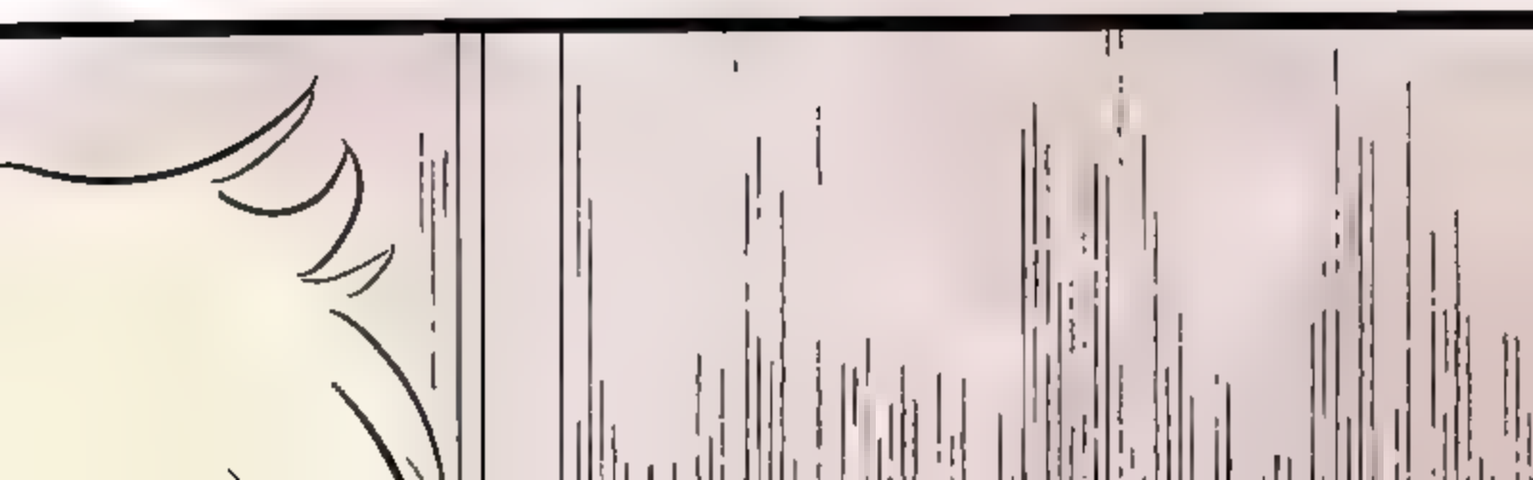
OH, I COLLECT THEM AS SAMPLES IF I THINK THEY MIGHT BE EVIDENCE.
EVIDENCE?
OF WHAT?

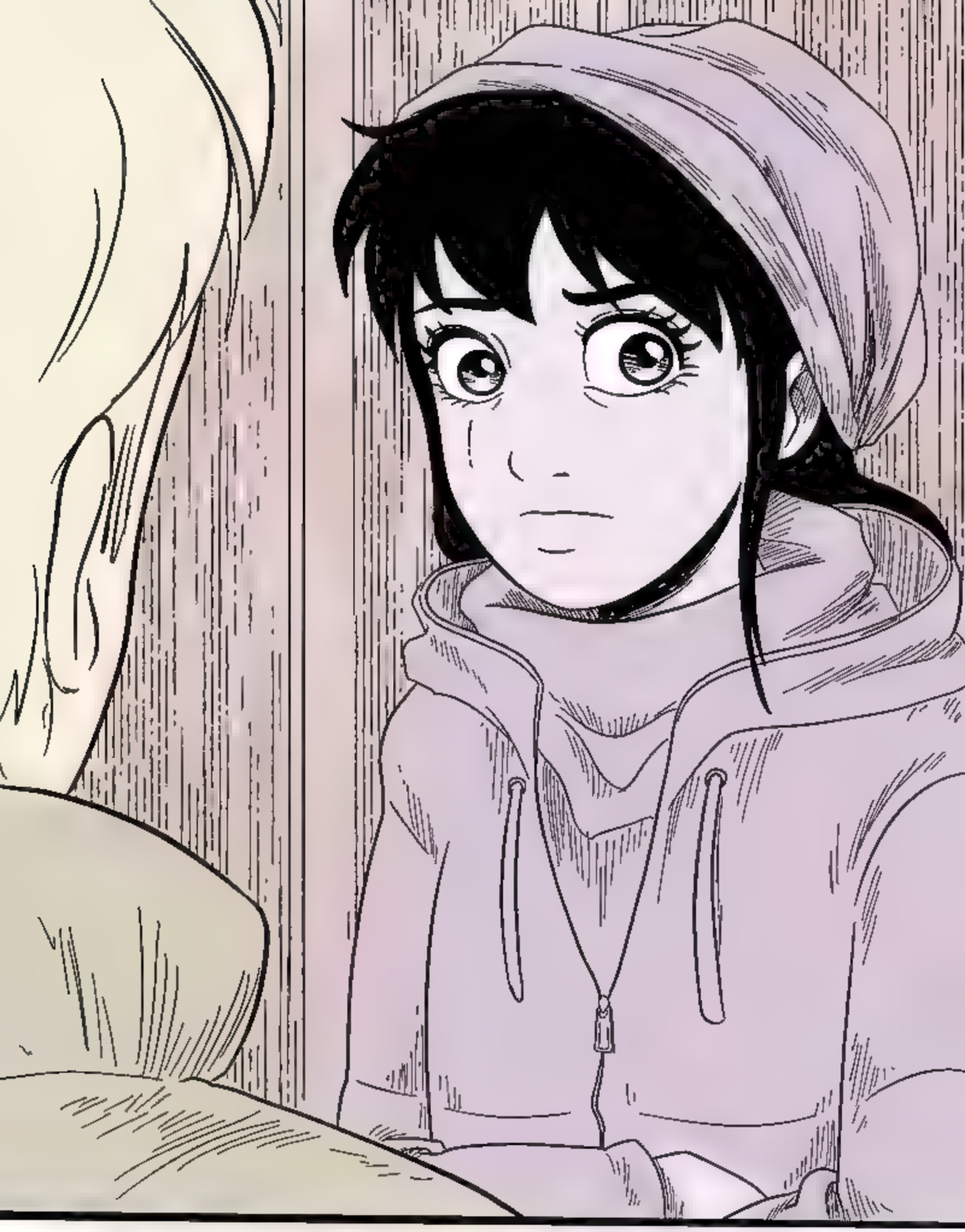
AH, WELL, UM... IT'S FOR A BOOK THAT I'M WRITING... PART OF IT.
IT HAS TO DO WITH ALL THE BIGALOPE ACTIVITY AROUND HERE...IF YOU'VE, UM, HEARD OF THAT...

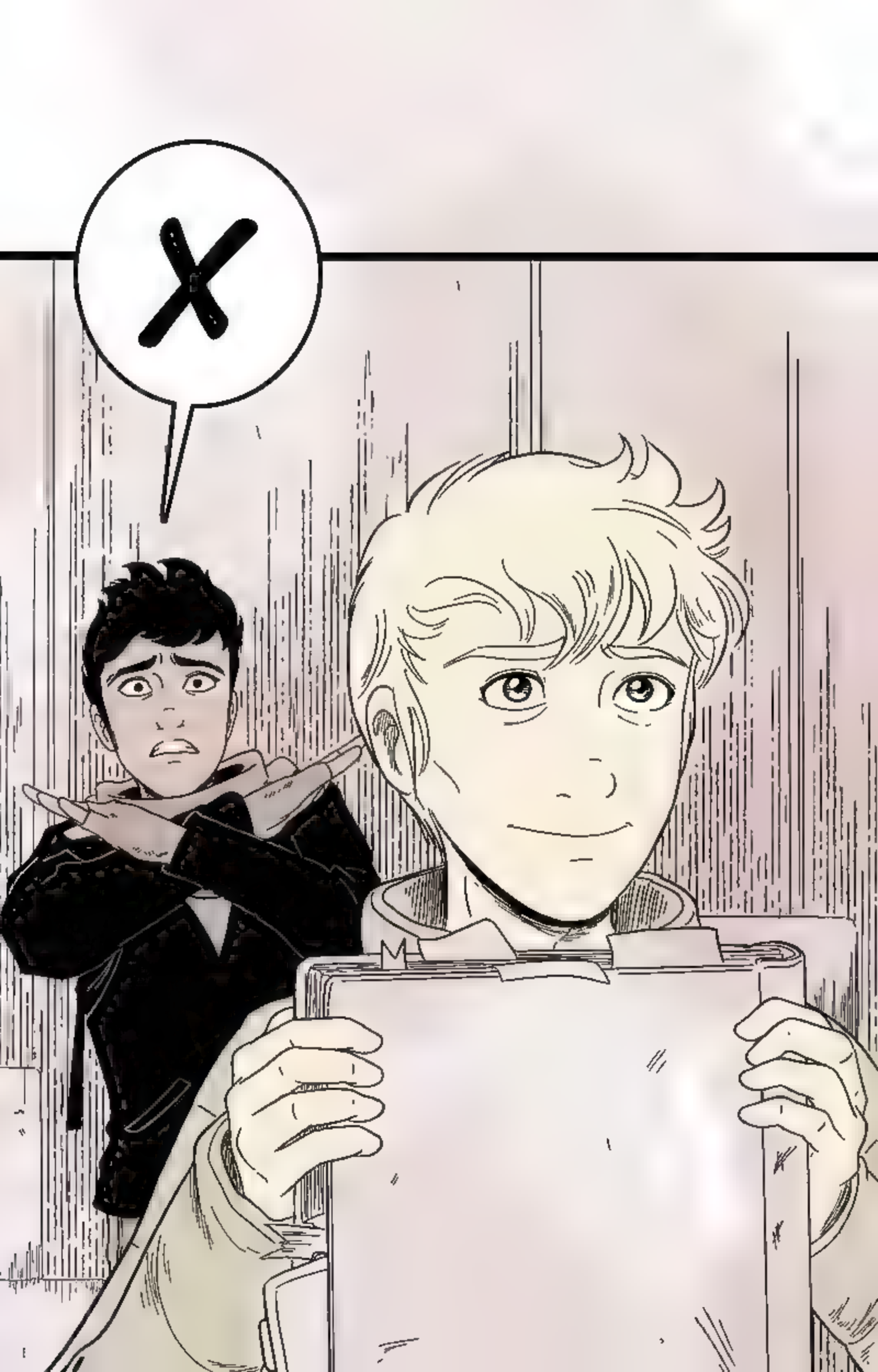



UM...
NO, I
HAVEN'T...





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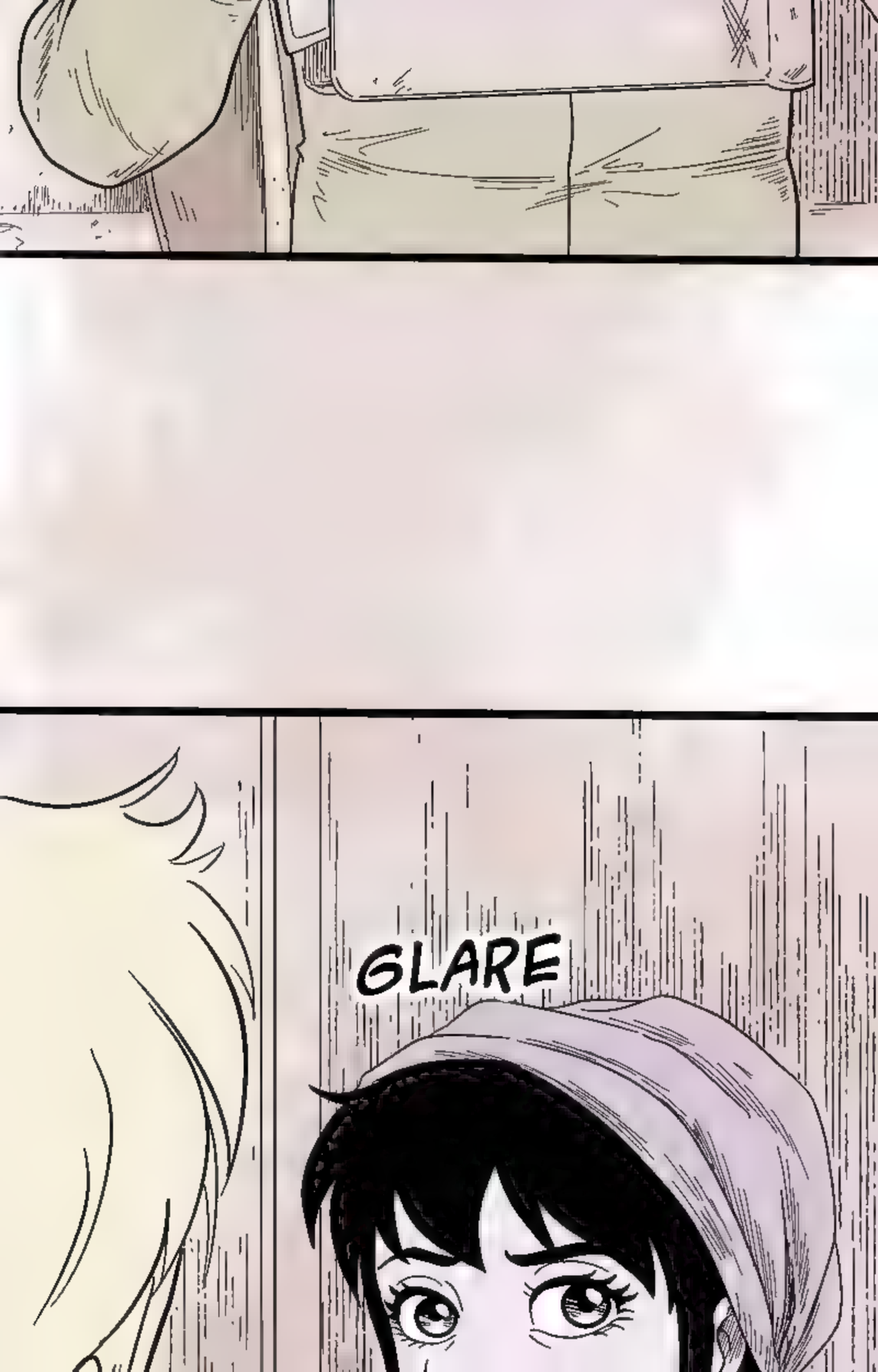
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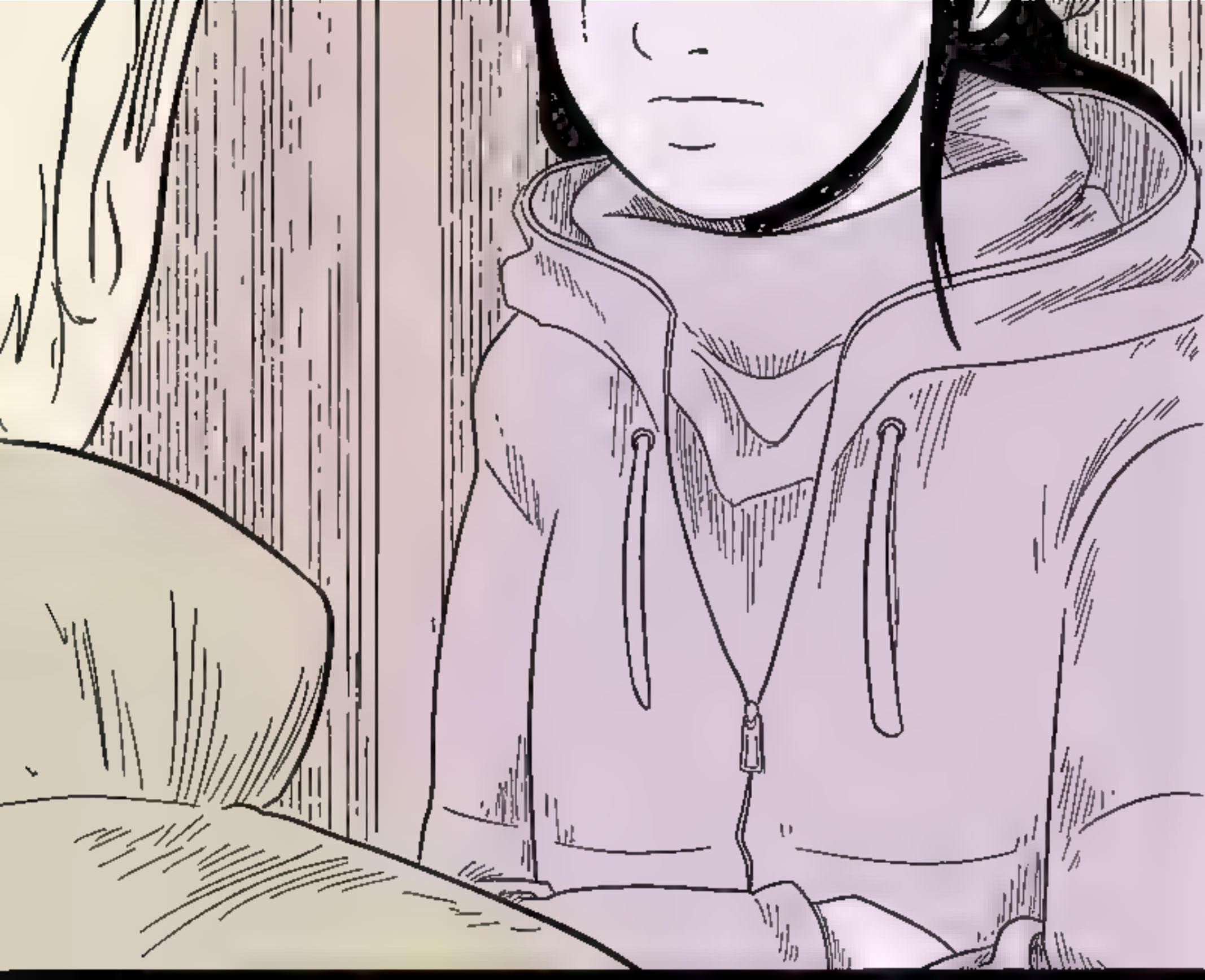
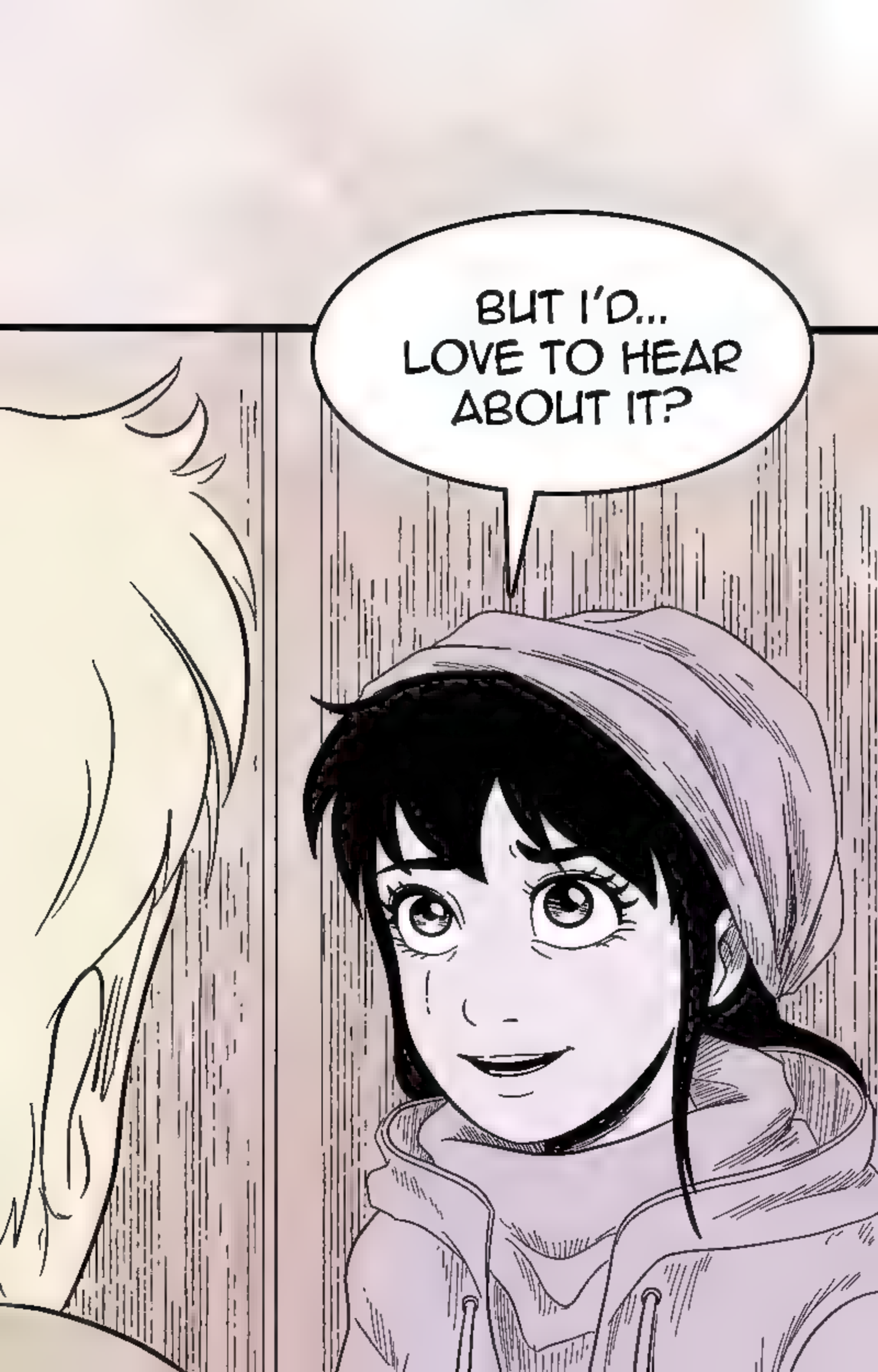
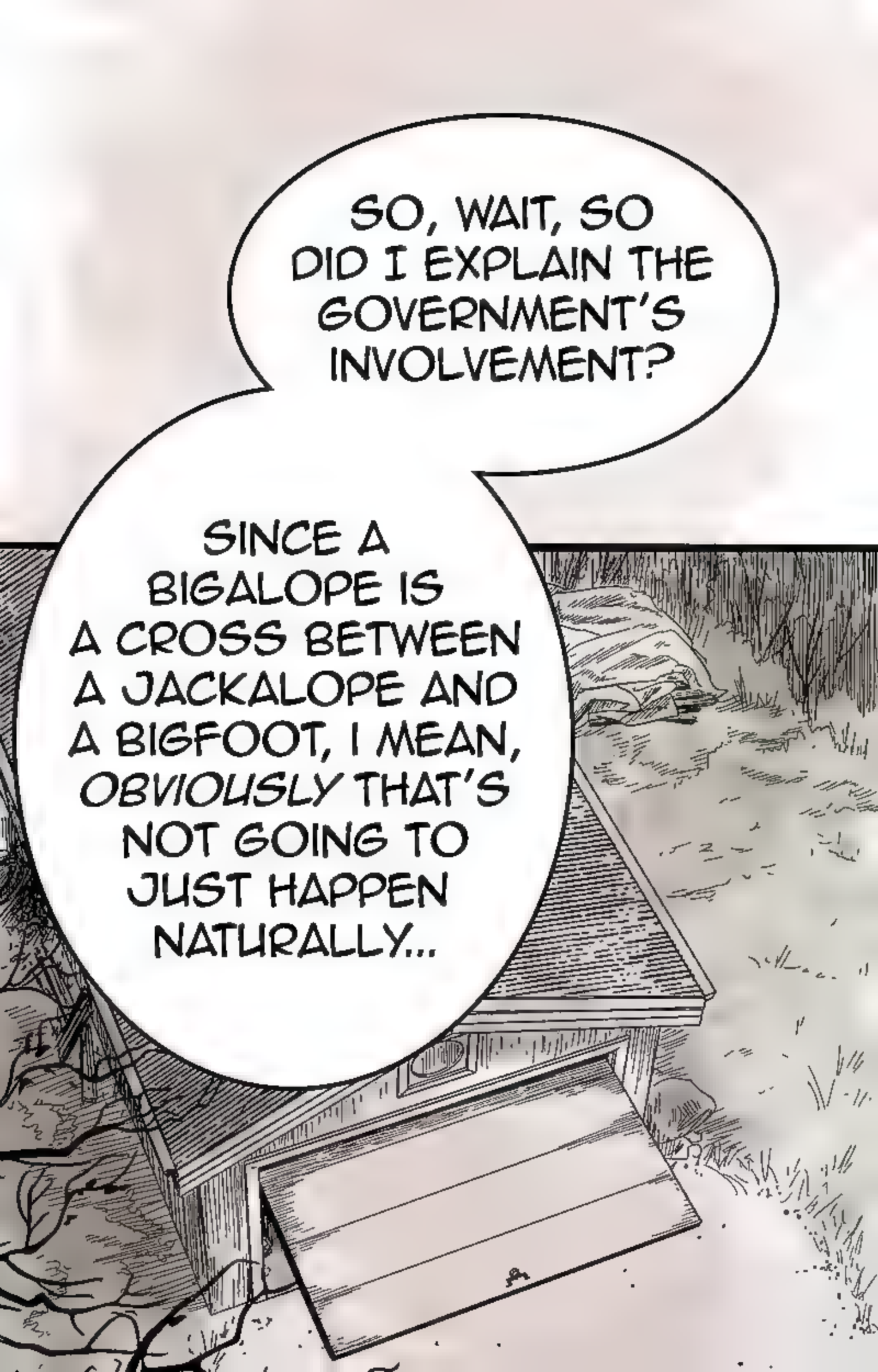


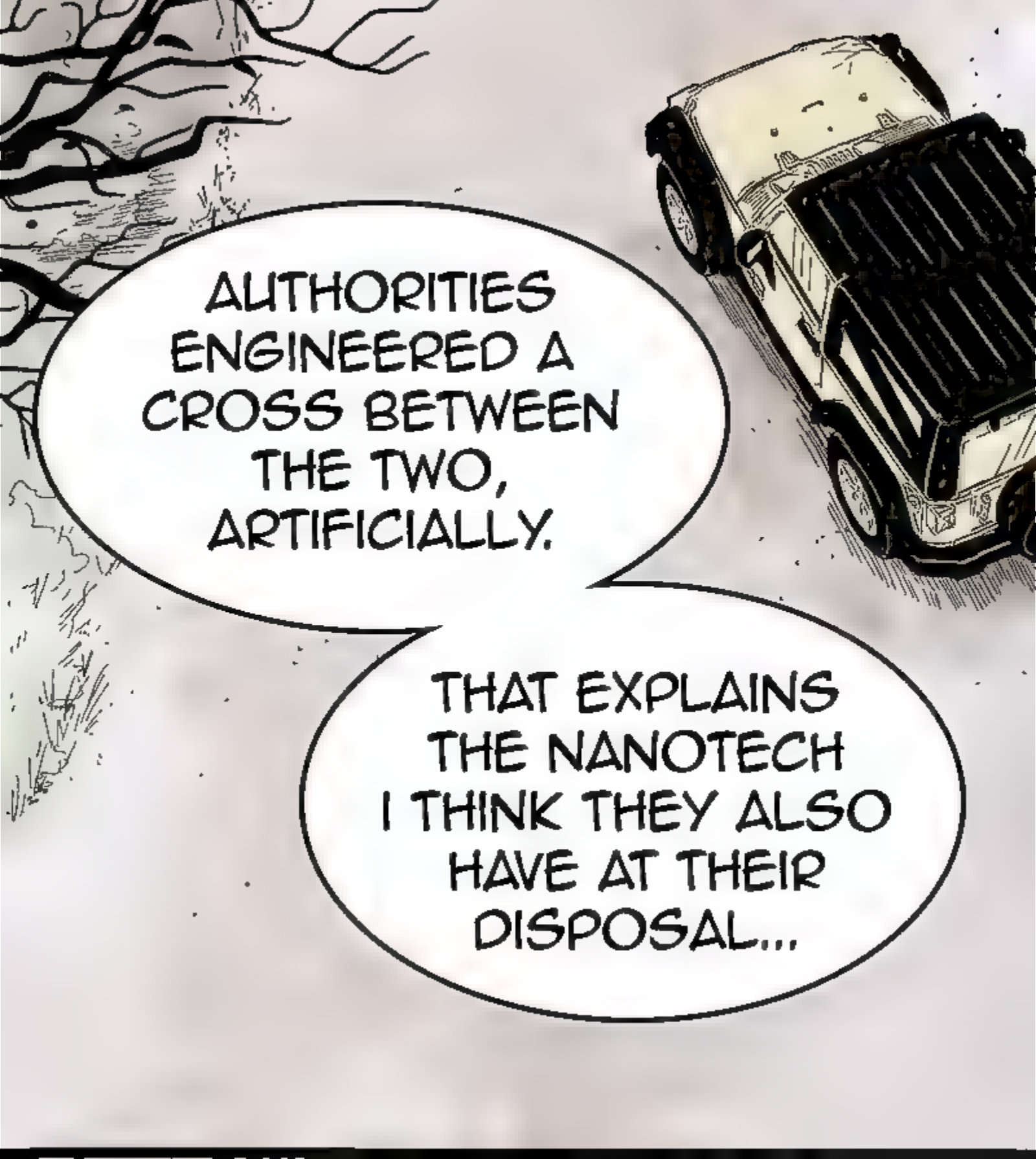

BUT I'D...
LOVE TO HEAR
ABOUT IT?

Y-YOU WOULD?!
SMACK

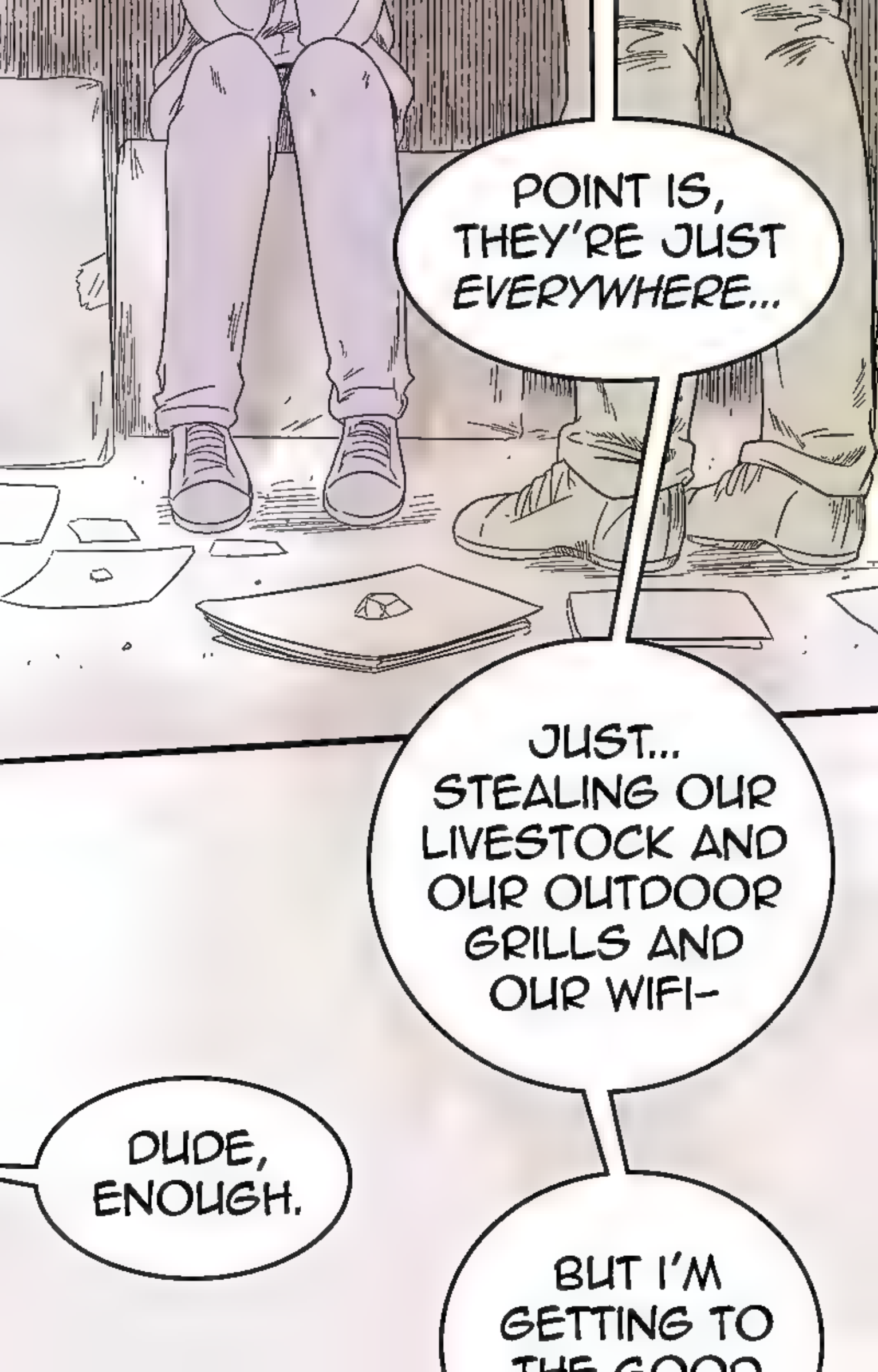
-WHICH IS WHY THEY BANNED ME FROM ALL THE DRINKING FOUNTAINS IN THE PARK.

BUT I'D ALREADY GOTTEN ALL THE SAMPLES I NEEDED, SO IT DIDN'T MATTER.

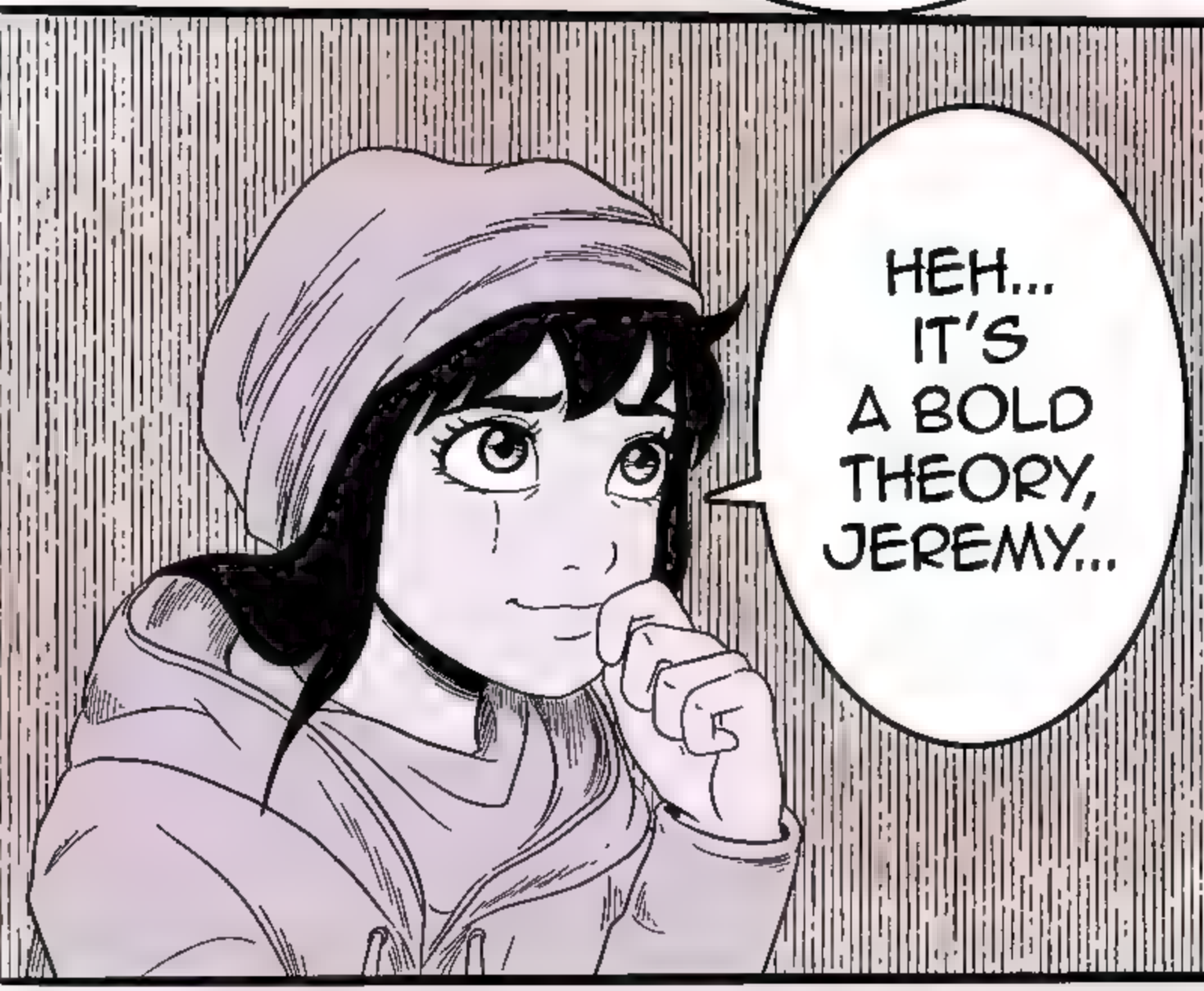

SO, WAIT, SO DID I EXPLAIN THE GOVERNMENT'S INVOLVEMENT?
SINCE A BIGALOPE IS A CROSS BETWEEN A JACKALOPE AND A BIGFOOT, I MEAN, *OBVIOUSLY* THAT'S NOT GOING TO JUST HAPPEN NATURALLY...


AUTHORITIES ENGINEERED A CROSS BETWEEN THE TWO, ARTIFICIALLY.
THAT EXPLAINS THE NANOTECH I THINK THEY ALSO HAVE AT THEIR DISPOSAL...

BECAUSE THEY HAVE THIS CONTROL OF INTERCOMS, LANDLINES, AND SMALL HANDHELD GAMING DEVICES.
ALSO RADIO, DURING CERTAIN SEASONS.
THAT'S LIKE, A WHOLE THING BY ITSELF, HONESTLY...

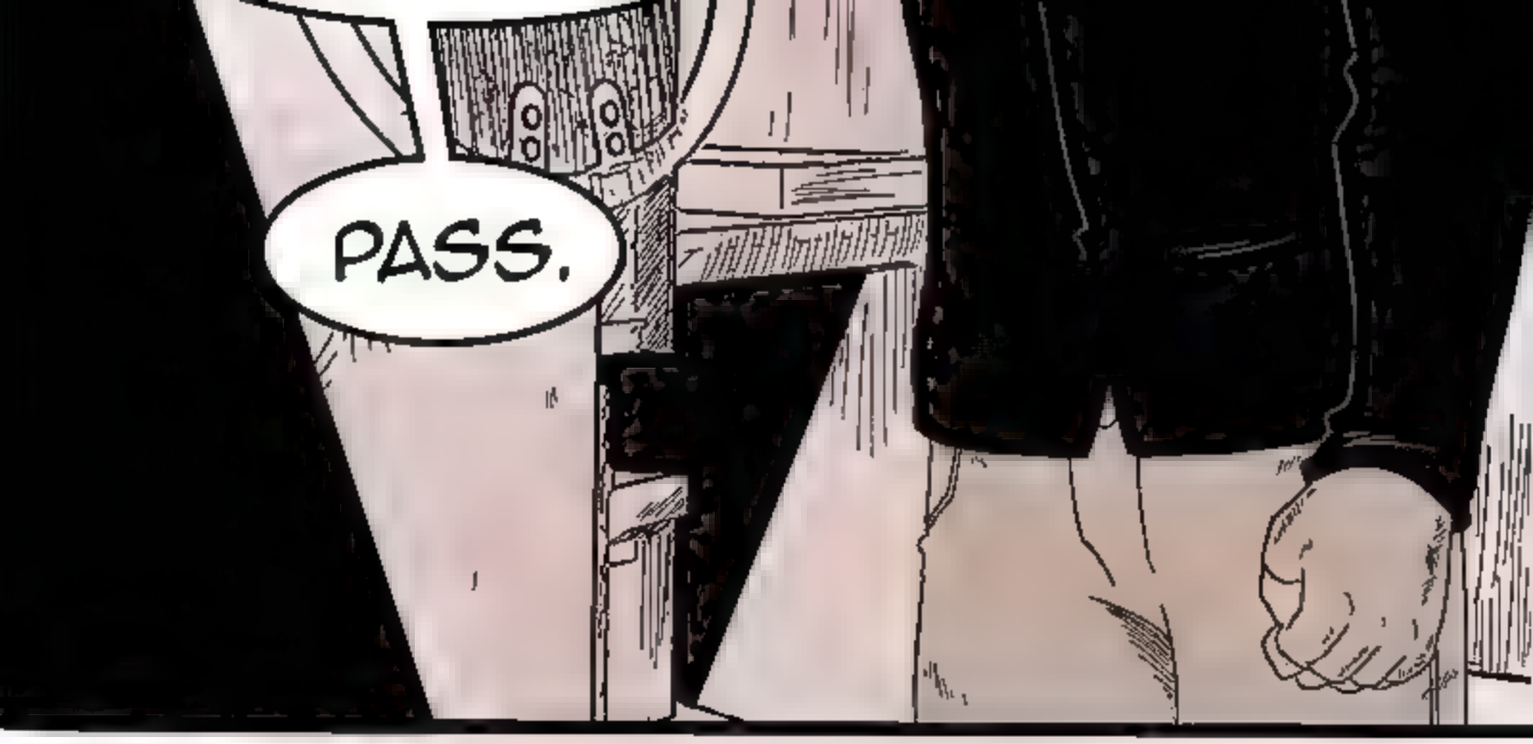

POINT IS, THEY'RE JUST EVERYWHERE...
JUST... STEALING OUR LIVESTOCK AND OUR OUTDOOR GRILLS AND OUR WIFI-
DUDE, ENOUGH.
BUT I'M GETTING TO

THE GOOD PART!



BRO, AMIGO, I LOVE YOU, BUT THERE IS *NO SUCH THING AS A BIGALOPE.*

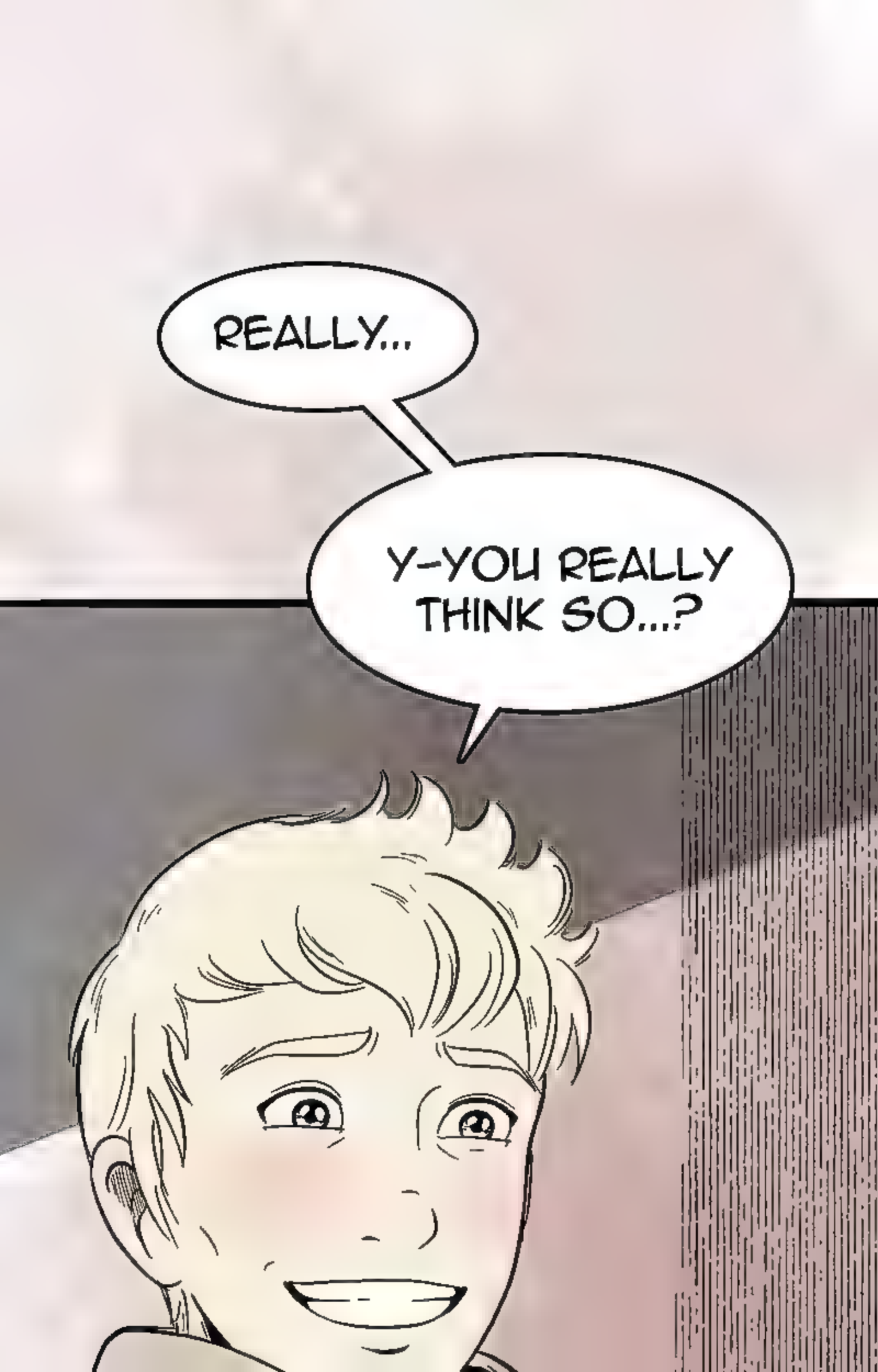
OH YEAH? LIKE THERE WAS NO EVIL ENTITY UNDER THE TOWN?!
I... THAT'S...
WHATEVER.

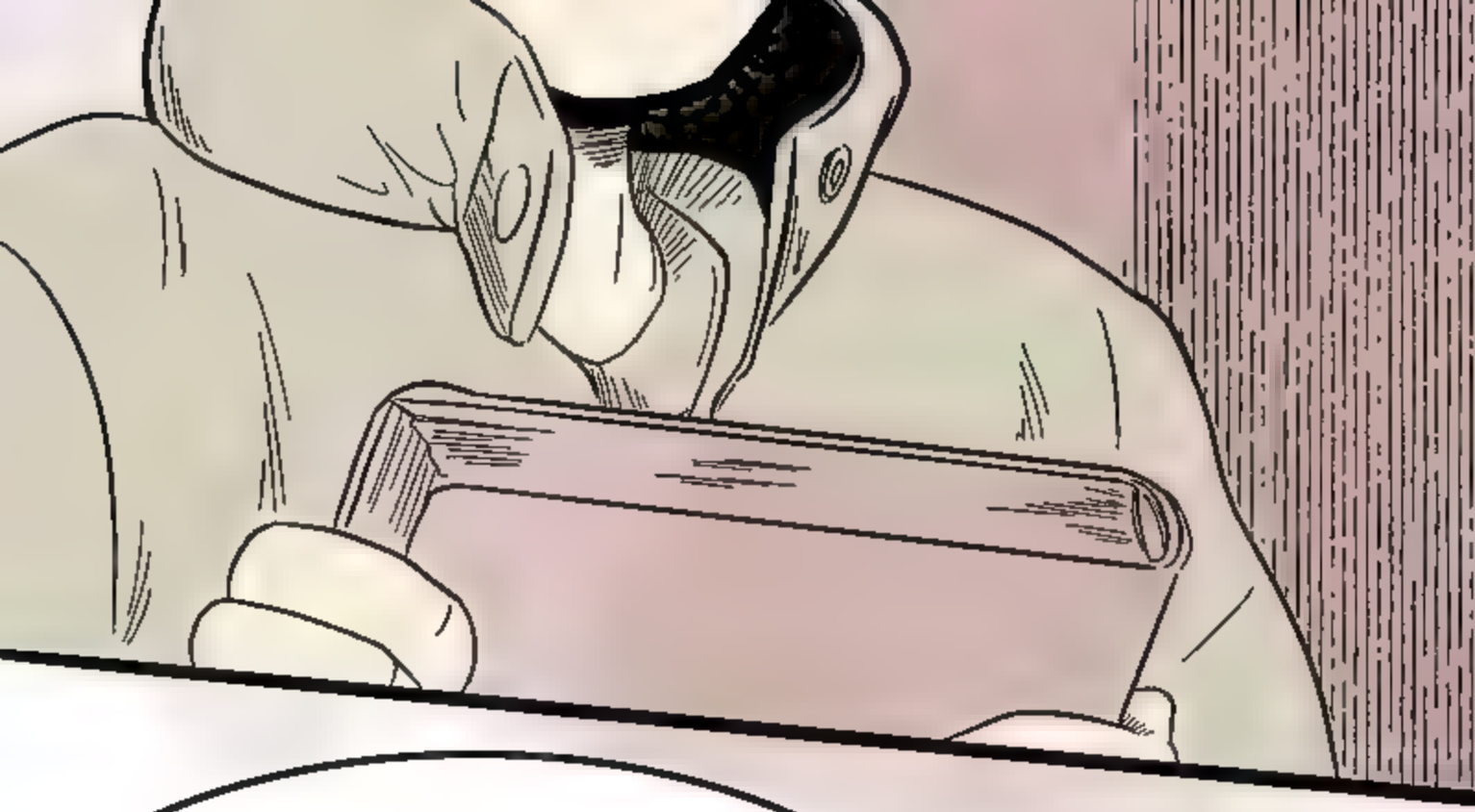


AW, COME ON, FELIX.

JEREMY WAS RIGHT ABOUT A LOT OF STUFF WE THOUGHT WAS CRAZY.

MAYBE HE'S RIGHT ABOUT THIS TOO?


REALLY...
Y-YOU REALLY THINK SO...?



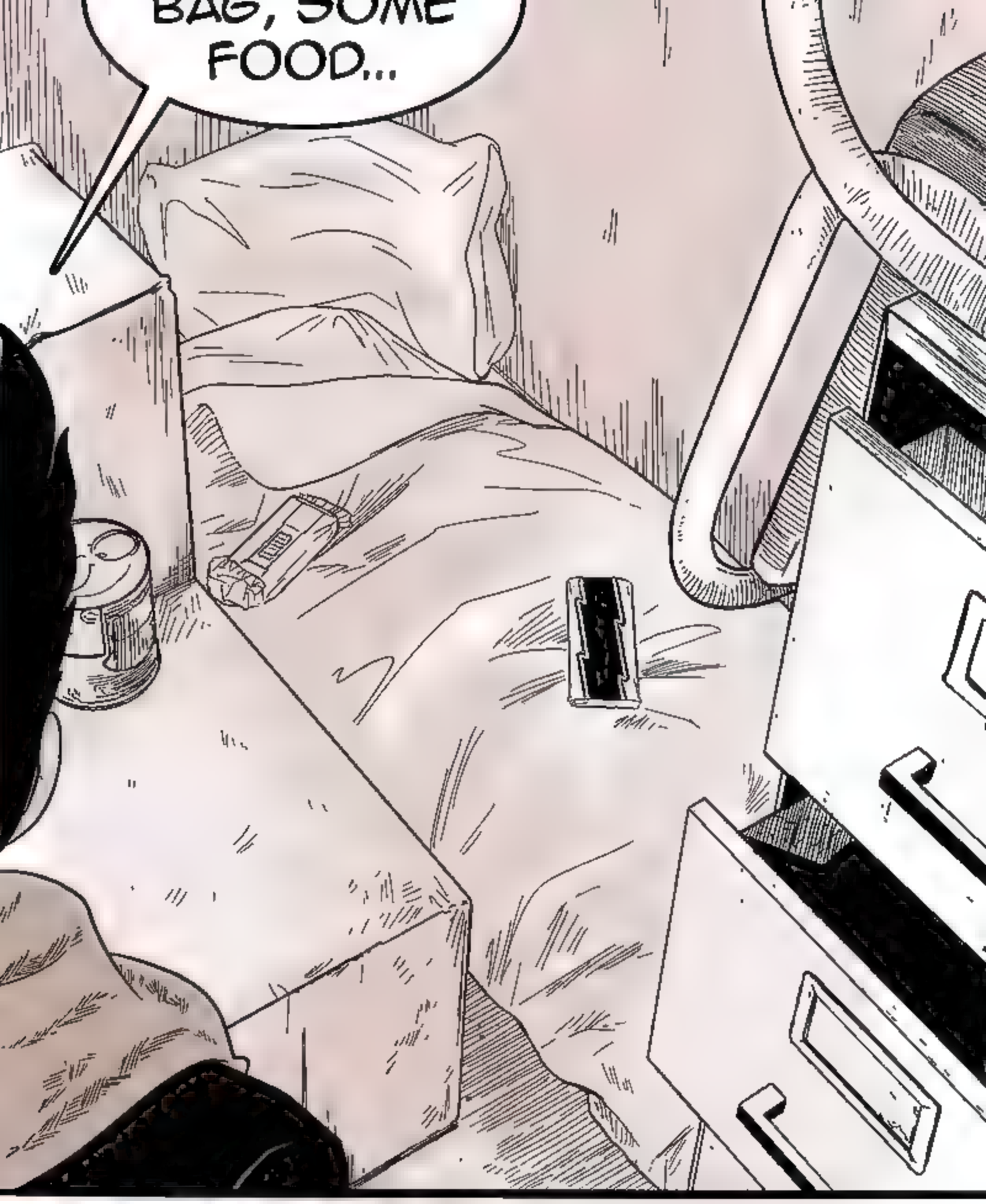
GREAT, NOW WE'LL NEVER HEAR THE END OF THIS.

THANKS A *LOT*, FRANIEL-SAN.

HEY, NOT TO MERCIFULLY CHANGE THE SUBJECT...

J, DO YOU EVER BUNK OUT HERE SOMETIMES?
WHAT, LIKE SLEEP? NO, WHY?

WELL...
SOMEONE'S BEEN MAKING THEMSELVES AT HOME.
SLEEPING



WAIT, SERIOUSLY?

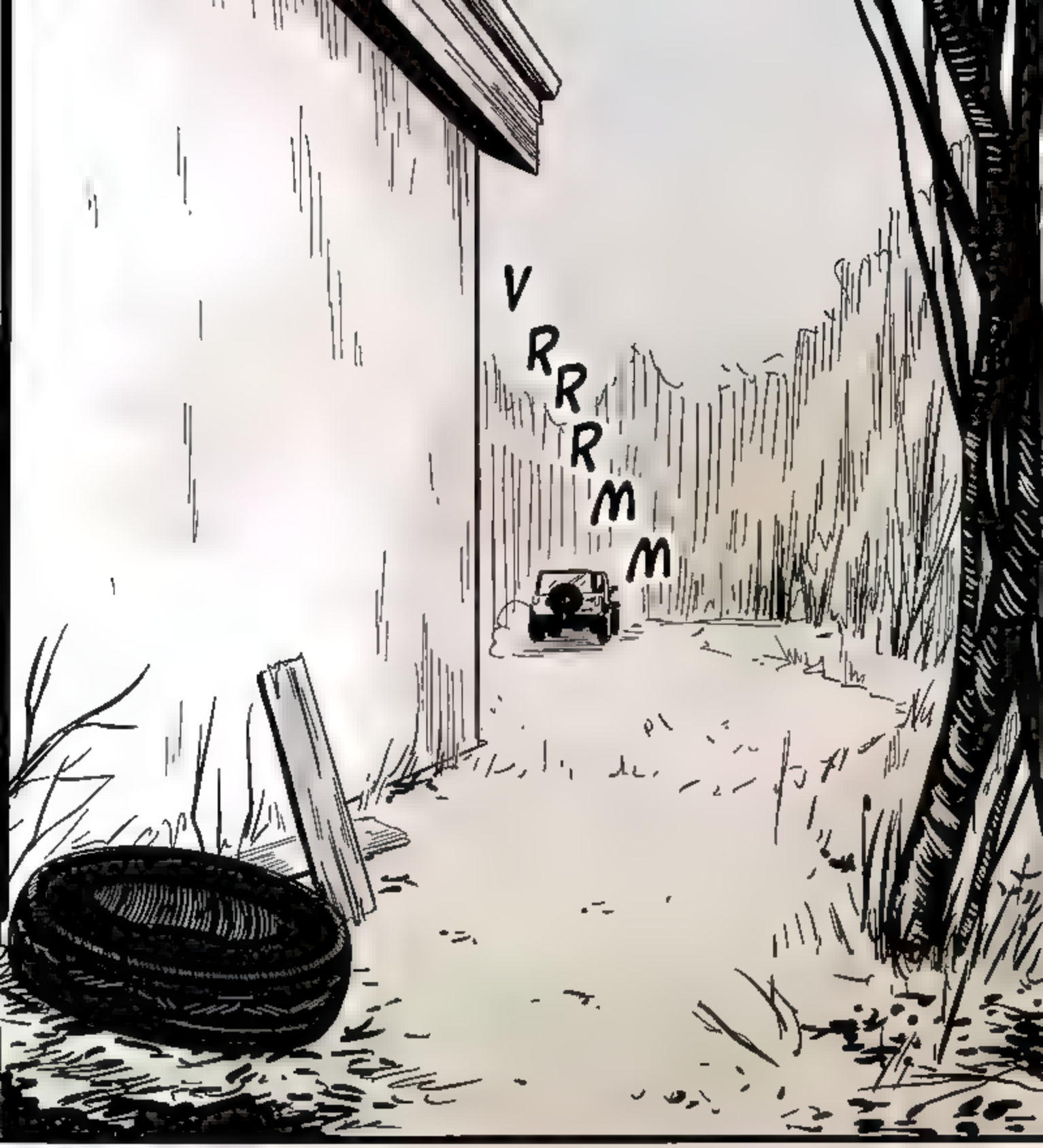
THAT'S NOT MINE.
HMMM...

THEY MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN IN THROUGH THE WINDOW.
YOU THINK THEY MESSED WITH ANY OF YOUR STUFF?
DUNNO.
J...
IF YOU'VE GOT EVERYTHING YOU

NEED, WE SHOULD
LEAVE.
NOW.

Y-YEAH.
YEAH, I THINK WE GOT EVERYTHING.

JUST HELP ME LOAD UP THE CAR.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